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MEDIEVAL reenactor Stacie Lavis makes a hotpot during a weekend camp at Maumbury Rings, Dorchester, where reenactors from the Wessex Invaders and Settlers Empire group demonstrated living history from the time of the War of the Roses.
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Campaigners call on public to vote for change

By Trevor Bevins

CAMPAIGNERS are calling for a large vote this Thursday to improve democracy at West Dorset District Council.

The Public First group has been calling for the district council to change its structure to allow all 'backbench' councillors a greater say.

Under the present Conservative-controlled system a handful of Tory councillors effectively make all the decisions.

The matter came to a head when proposals for Dorchester's Charles Street development were considered – without any voting representation at the key decision stages by county and town councillors.

Voters will be able to have their say this Thursday on whether the council should put an end to the existing Cabinet structure and return to the committee system which would allow a greater say for all councillors.

The referendum vote has been forced on the council, under the Localism Act of 2011, by thousands of local people signing a petition.

Said John Grantham, who has led the campaign: "Whatever the outcome, the petition/referendum process has proved a turning point for the reality of Democracy in West Dorset, galvanising thousands of people to becoming actively involved in signing, in debates, at on our street stalls and in helping via leaflets and donations….and on a non-party-political basis...

"It has been a terrific community effort and we are grateful to all who have rallied to the cause. The public in many other districts in England are watching our experience with great interest, suffering from the same problems there that the Cabinet system can bring. We have of course been gratified to read the recent draft report by South West Audit Partnership, WDDC's own internal auditors, which confirms independently so many of the things we have been saying over the last 16 months, including 'lack of transparency', 'tick-box consultation' and 'decisions appearing to 'arrive' rather than through discussion and consultation'.

"It is now all down to whether people will go out and vote for the change to 'Committee' system."

Locally-based human rights activist, Clive Stafford Smith, who has given his backing to Public First, has also called for local people to vote for change: "It's a great opportunity for the public to reinject a little democracy into the West Dorset District Council so we urge all electors – of whatever party or none - to come out and change the stagnant process under which we now suffer."

Meanwhile in Weymouth and Portland, where there are contests for 13 council seats, political change may come about as a result of this week's election.

The council is currently run by the Conservative group – but in the past has been run by Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

Elections are also being held on Thursday, across the County, for a new Police and Crime Commissioner.

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CATHERINE Leech has lived in Stoke Abbott since 2007. Her childhood was spent moving from county to county – due to her engineer father's job – with stints in Somerset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Berkshire and North Yorkshire.

She dreamed of being a speech therapist but failed to gain the university place she needed, having contracted glandular fever in her A-level year, but instead achieved a degree in Psychology from Newcastle University before embarking on a career in the travel industry.

● WHAT did you do after school?
After a frequently-hilarious but ultimately, uninspiring two years as a graduate management trainee with Littlewoods, I fell in to a career in the travel industry in 1982, based in Manchester and then London.

Fast forward 34 years, and I am still working in travel. Through experience in travel public relations, running the Cayman Islands tourist board in the UK and Europe and six years as managing director of the luxury tour operator, Caribtours, I have always felt that travel runs in my blood.

To be able to combine travel with a sustainable career has been and continues to be a real joy and such a privilege.

● TELL us a bit more about your work in travel...
Along with two Sunday Times travel writers, I set up 101 Holidays (www.101holidays.co.uk) eight years ago. In a nutshell, our websites offer visitors great ideas and inspiration from a trusted source at the research stage of the holiday booking cycle. We now have six sites from honeymoons to singles' holidays with five million users per annum.

Working entirely online has been a steep learning curve – I remember the days when a fax machine was considered cutting edge – but it's hugely enjoyable and I relish being able to run the business here in rural Dorset (even if my Broadband speed is under 6mbps while my London colleagues enjoy over 75mbps!).

I was recently appointed to the board of Visit Jersey as a non-executive director and my freelance consulting work has included a truly fascinating stint for the Department of International Development on the remote South Atlantic island of St Helena as well as some online TV travel presenting.

● WHAT inspired you to move to Dorset?
The move to Dorset followed a two year career break. Having never married or had children, and following heart surgery, I felt a need for a change in the fast and furious way I lived my life. I resigned from my MD role at Caribtours with the intention of doing some sort of voluntary work somewhere in the world – that was two months before the Indian Ocean Tsunami on Boxing Day 2004. It felt like fate had stepped in.

In March 2005, having completed my notice period, I headed to Sri Lanka with a phone number and a desire to see what I could do to help, hoping I could draw on my tourism experience.

● TELL us more about your time in Sri Lanka...
I quickly became a volunteer with Sarvodaya, a long-standing Sri Lankan organisation which works on Buddhist-Gandhian principles, supporting some 15,000 villages to become more self-sufficient, from the bottom up.

Throughout my 18 months there, I was humbled, challenged, rewarded and inspired – all at the same time. It was, quite literally, life-changing. I sold up in London and moved straight to Dorset when I returned from Sri Lanka, hoping that I could earn a living as a consultant in the travel industry.

● WHAT do you like to do in your spare time?
I am now the proud owner of a beautiful spaniel, Holly, and, when I am not working, I enjoy getting involved in village life, from theme nights in the village hall to co-ordinating the annual Stoke Abbott Street Fair. Living next door to the fantastic New Inn is definitely a bonus!

The Stoke Abbott community is incredibly diverse, supportive and fun. I love being a part of it and take as many opportunities as I can to enjoy the great outdoors that surrounds us, especially beating with Holly in the shooting season, and cooking local produce.

Do I miss anything about living the life of a single career girl in London? I guess sushi and the ballet if I were forced to come with an answer – but the new Dorshi in Bridport beckons for my sushi fix and there's a thriving arts scene down here.

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view from newspapers

Commuters complain of growing potholes on busy stretches of road

By Trevor Bevins

THOUSANDS of commuters who travel between Dorchester and Weymouth every day dodging increasingly large holes in the county town's busiest roundabout are hoping it will soon be repaired.

The holes started more than a month ago with bikers and cyclists particularly at risk.

One of the largest, on the Weymouth Road exit, is now four feet across and up to two inches deep.

A smaller diameter hole, on the approach onto the roundabout from the East is around six inches deep. Kerbing is missing from an island adjoining it.

There have been complaints about the road surface on the bypass since it was resurfaced towards the end of last year – with several attempts to solve flooding at the mid-way point on the eastern section of the road.

"It used to be that, if you were careful, you could get your wheels either side of the hole by the exit, travelling to Weymouth, but now that's almost impossible and I often hit it," said one worker who travels daily to offices at Monkton Park just outside Dorchester.

"You can feel it on the steering in the car, but I dread to think of the effect it might have on motorcyclists."

'Temporary road surface' signs were erected to warn of the problem – but have now been removed.

The Dorset Highways surface dressing programme, just about to get underway across the county, could solve the problems.

A dedicated team of 20 people, one spray tanker, two purpose built chipping spreaders, six lorries feeding chippings, one roller and two suction road sweepers, is making its way across the county.

Around 70 sites are due to be treated with surface dressing to seal them from water and prolong their life by up to ten years as part of this year's £2million programme of work.

Andrew Martin, Dorset County Council head of highways said: "Surface dressing is an essential part of our annual programme of work – it keeps an already structurally strong road in a strong condition for longer.

"It complements our patching and resurfacing programmes, which together keep our roads in as good a condition as possible with the budget we have available."

But he warns drivers that roads will need to be closed during the works and is appealing for motorists to obey any temporary speed restrictions which are put in place.

Councillor Peter Finney, Dorset County Council Cabinet member for environment, said: "Surface dressing is quick and vehicles can drive on the surface straight afterwards – please bear with us during these short road closures.

"I'd also like to ask drivers to adhere to the advisory 20mph signs that we leave in place – it's to prevent skidding on the loose chippings, it helps 'bed down' the material and it will also save your paint work."

Loose chippings are swept up one or two days after the work, and a week after if needed. Sites are revisited after three months to check on the chippings and road condition.

More information can be found at www.dorsetforyou.com/surface-dressing.

HOLES at the Stadium roundabout in Dorchester which local drivers hope will soon be fixed

Heroes to play cricket

A HELP the Heroes cricket team will be travelling to Dorchester later this month for a match against the town's disabled cricket club.

The game is to take place on Sunday, May 29th at the Weymouth Avenue Recreation Ground with gates open at 1pm for a 1.30pm start.

"We have invited the High Sheriff and Mayor and Mayoress and have made arrangements for refreshments to be available…hopefully it will attract quite a crowd," said chairman David Barrett.

The match came about when the Dorchester skipper Rob Franks was chatting to the Help the Heroes team captain at a charity function and asked if the side would like to come to Dorchester for a game.

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Horse training stables on the market for £4.75million

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Whitcombe Monymusk stables and stud was bought by Liz Nelson in 2006. She died in 2014.

Savills, of Salisbury which are marketing the property, say that past trainers who have been at Whitcombe include Toby Balding and David Elsworth, with the notable horses including Regal Scintilla and Cool Ground, which won the Cheltenham Gold Cup, coming from there.

With more than 300 acres and purpose-built, including a horse 'swimming pool', the sale includes a manager's flat, horse walker, a detached trainer's house, five staff apartments, a 32 bed staff dormitory and racing office.

"Whitcombe offers a superb opportunity for an owner, trainer or breeder to create a base with extensive facilities in a fantastic rural setting," said David Cross of Savills Salisbury.

But despite the enthusiasm of the estate agents the main drawback of the site is its distance from many of the country's top race courses.

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THE new Charminster bridge – shortlisted for a regional engineering award

Rebuilt bridge shortlisted for award

THE rebuilt bridge at Charminster has been short-listed for a prestigious South West award.

Work on the project finished earlier in the spring with the ancient bridge being completely rebuilt to allow a greater flow of water through the arches.

The rebuild was carried out following flooding in the street and neighbouring St Mary's Church.

The project is one of 15 shortlisted for the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) South West Civil Engineering Awards 2016.

The prestigious awards celebrate outstanding civil engineering achievement, innovation and ingenuity around the South West. It is a chance for projects and organisations from across the region to showcase the fantastic work that is taking place.

Miranda Housden, ICE South West Regional Director said: "Our Civil Engineering Awards recognise projects which promote the excellence of the engineering profession.

"The South West is full of innovative and inspiring projects and engineers, from a wide range of sectors.

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Fraudsters targeting elderly in phone scam

By Trevor Bevins

DORSET Police are warning of a fresh scam being carried out by fraudsters across the county.

They pretend to be from a bank, stating that the account holder is due new credit or debit cards but they need the PIN for the current cards so that they can be cancelled.

The caller states the new cards will be with the customer the following day. If a victim queries the caller, the victim is told that the local branch manager will ring to confirm the authenticity. A subsequent call is made to the account holder and they confirm the previous caller's details.

The victim then receives a further call from the offenders, asking if they have received their new cards. When the householder says that they have not received them the offender then says that the bank will send a courier to deliver the new cards and collect the old ones.

Later that day, a person will turn up at the address, stating they are a courier. They give the victim the 'new' cards and collect the old ones. Shortly after this transaction, fraudulent activity is recorded on the account both online and at local ATMs.

Police say that since 2014 elderly and vulnerable people in Dorset has cost local people nearly £1,100,000.

So far this year, Dorset Police has received 27 reports of phone fraud between January 1st to April 25th, compared to 407 reports for the same period last year.

The victims, who are on average 79-years-old, have lost a combined total of £43,812 this year, compared to £420,500 for the same period last year: a reduction of over 90 per cent. Nine phone fraud victims have lost money to criminals, compared to 35 in 2015.

This type of phone fraud has been reported in Poole, Bournemouth, Christchurch, Ferndown, Portland and Bridport.

Detective Sergeant Garry Knight, of Bournemouth Criminal Investigation Department (CID), said: "We are pleased that there are considerably fewer victims than last year, however, we want this crime to stop completely, so that unscrupulous fraudsters don't get away with stealing money from elderly and vulnerable people.

"Telephone fraud has traditionally been a faceless crime, but criminals are now defrauding victims over the phone before collecting their cash cards in person. This poses all kinds of risks to the individual concerned, let alone the financial losses they will incur if they are conned.

"We want people to tell their friends, family members and neighbours that they should never give out bank account details, including their Personal Identification Number (PIN), over the phone.

"Nobody, no matter which organisation they claim to be from, will ask you for bank details over the phone or on your doorstep. This includes the police, banks and retailers.

"If people start asking for personal details - make you hang up, dial 1471 and note the number, then call the police immediately on 101 to report it."

More information about telephone fraud is available at http://www.dorset.police.uk/Default.aspx?page=8318. A recording of a real telephone fraud call is available on Dorset Police's YouTube account: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lDvlZvwZj8

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Crime on the rise

By Trevor Bevins

SEXUAL offences, robbery and violence have all increased in Dorset, compared to last year.

The increase has been recorded by the Office for National Statistics which notes an overall rise in reports of crime by eight per cent to 40,110 offences last year. It is the first year in 18 years that overall crime has increased in the county.

The rise is one of the biggest percentage increases in the country and is two per cent, or 25per cent above the South West average increase of 6 per cent.

Robbery went up by 14 per cent in Dorset with 189 offences and almost half the overall figures were for theft, while sexual offences increased by 24 per cent to 1,098.

Domestic burglary offences fell by four per cent during the year.

The Bustinskin "Osprey Sprint" Triathlon has been held on Portland for the ninth time.

The sprint triathlon was held at Osprey Leisure Centre attracting a record numbers of 230 entries, many were local club members, but the event also attracted other triathletes from throughout the area.

The next Osprey Sprint will be held at the leisure centre on October 9thwith entries now open for that event.

For more information please call 01305 824378 or visit www.ospreyleisure.co.uk

Pictured is cycling event at Osprey Leisure Centre (Photo by Kit Walker).

Family pay tribute to their 'sensitive and caring' son

THE family of teenager Louis Harris, whose body was found in Weymouth Harbour, have paid tribute to him.

Louis went missing on Sunday, February 14th following a night out in Weymouth with friends.

His body was discovered in the sea close to the ferry terminal on the morning of Tuesday, March 15th.

His death is not being treated as suspicious.

Louis' parents Holly and Graham Harris, said: "The last 10 weeks have been the most terrible time of our lives. Although Louis was found on 15th March, it has taken over five weeks to officially identify him.

"Not being able to see our own son has made it all the harder to come to terms with what has happened. We are obviously devastated to have lost our lovely son in such tragic circumstances following a year of so many wonderful achievements. He had just completed the first half of spring term at Bath Spa University, making good progress, new friends, and plans for the future.

LOUIS Harris who was found in Weymouth Harbour on March 15th having gone missing on Valentine's Day

"He returned home the evening of Saturday 13th February to stay for the half term week. He was greatly looking forward to catching up with friends that night for a birthday celebration in Weymouth. He was also really looking forward to working on his music coursework the next day which he discussed enthusiastically with his brother before leaving.

"We still don't know exactly what happened that night, or in the early hours of Valentine's Day, so would urge anyone who has any fragment of information about Louis, anyone who saw him or spoke to him that night in Weymouth, to please come forward to help us with some answers. Any CCTV or webcam recording around the junction of Custom House Quay and East Street from 4.30am to 5am may provide the answers we are looking for.

"We will remember Louis as a very thoughtful, sensitive and caring lad who would not hurt a fly, had a wicked sense of humour, and a great love and creative talent for music. Every day is a struggle without him.

"We would like to thank everyone involved to date for their overwhelming support. We remain enormously grateful to those who assisted in the search and recovery of our son, and to everyone else who has been there for us."

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A REENACTOR explains how things were in days gone by

Medieval mayhem at Maumbury Rings

THE clocks turned back to the age of the War of the Rose at Dorchester's Maumbury Rings over the weekend.

The 'merry medieval May event' was held on Sunday, May 1st and the Bank Holiday Monday, by the Wessex Invaders and Settlers Empire group.

Between the showers it offered the chance to see what the re-enactment group get up to including fight training, medieval crafts, a weapons display and archery – not to mention a campfire cooking.

It was the first year the local group, made up of history enthusiasts, had tried Maumbury Rings, itself a Roman amphitheatre.

"We are looking on this as a practise run and will look at returning next year," said Stacie Lavis in between stirring her stew, "It's a good location for us."

Stacie has been involved for 23 years with the group running for about ten years prior to that, and can muster up to 20-30 people for larger events.

"We can do Romans, Celts, Vikings and Saxons, but this weekend is based around the period of the War of the Roses, roughly 1450 to 1500," she said.

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District council's 'democratic deficit' on show at committee meetings

■ I WRITE in response to the letter by Ian Gosling published on 20th April 2016.

I think it only fair to your readers to point out that Mr Gosling stood as a Conservative candidate in last May's elections for both WDDC and Dorchester Town Council. He was elected to neither. I also stood, as an independent, for both councils and now represent North Dorchester on the town council.

I find it surprising and difficult to believe that, as both a candidate and a lawyer, he apparently " knew nothing of how WDDC is structured".

When talking about the existing WDDC committees he states "at which all councillors can attend and speak." My own personal experience of WDDC was very different.

I represented Charminster and the Cerne Valley as an independent WDDC councillor from 2011 to 2015. Living in Dorchester I was very interested in and concerned about the plans for Charles Street. It soon became clear to me, and to some other members, that whenever the developer (Simons) asked for money from WDDC, they were given it without question or debate – the decision having already been made by the Executive Committee or 'cabinet' or, as the recent South West Audit Partnership report puts it, decisions just "arrived".

With this concern in mind, and although not a member of the Scrutiny Committee, I made a point of attending its meeting at which the developers were present.

In my role as an elected representative I tried to ask a question related to the Charles Street scheme but was informed by the chairman that this was not allowed. A fellow councillor (Conservative) attended the same meeting and was also denied the opportunity to ask questions.

For both me and those I represented this was a classic example of the democratic deficit which exists in WDDC and which originates from the limitations inherent in the 'leader and cabinet' system of governance.

I believe I'm correct in saying that Mr Gosling's move to Dorset is a comparatively recent event. He may not have heard of the farce that was the Development Control Committee's meeting to decide the future of Bridport's South West Quadrant. He may not be aware of the refusal of 'cabinet' members to engage with the public despite repeated invitations to do so.

He may not be aware of the assurance given to West Dorset council tax payers that building new offices on the Charles Street site would ensure the development of the rest of the site.

That the referendum will cost £95,000 may well be true but I would ask Mr Gosling for answers to the following questions:

What happened to the £250,000 of public (our) money given to help Simons with the development of the rest of the Charles Street scheme ?

What happened to the assurance, publicly stated, that the sale of Stratton House would generate £3million ?

Finally, Mr Gosling suggests that the Public First campaign has been driven entirely by people who do not share Conservative views.

Let me assure him that, among the more than 6,000 signatures needed to trigger this referendum, there are many from Conservative voters for whom the arrogance and high-handed manner in which WDDC has recently conducted its affairs is difficult, if not impossible, to justify let alone stomach.

Whether you like it or not there is a great deal of understandable dissatisfaction among the council tax payers of West Dorset. Mr Gosling should delight in their response to poor decision making by WDDC and back the call for a change in the governance system which would allow different views to be heard early on in any decision-making process thus avoiding the "embarrassments" which have become all too commonplace in West Dorset.

ALISTAIR CHISHOLM, Dorchester

A 'sense of being excluded'

■ IAN Gosling's experiences of West Dorset District Council's meetings, and of Public First Group meetings, have been very different from my own.

Of the latter, and as someone who has never had any affiliation with any political party, I have been impressed by the non-partisan nature of proceedings.

The sense of being excluded by the majority party from helping to make important local decisions was very strong.

Of the former, I remember in particular one WDCC meeting at which the Charles Street development was a major issue.

Several members from outside the ruling party gave thoughtful, carefully and coherently argued, and articulately presented proposals, showing anxiety to rescue the council from the disaster into which it was heading.

The replies were casual in their arrogance and, on the vote being called, the arms were dutifully raised to reject all suggestions.

The only sympathy that one might offer the 'cabinet' in keeping some of their fellows' contribution to the minimum was the manifest inadequacy of some of those few who did speak.

Mr Gosling misunderstands the moral underpinning of democracy: it has to be more than rule by the majority, which is merely bullying of the minority.

Democracy rests on the right of us all as human beings to have our views considered. A vote and the creation of a majority view is a crude cypher; as soon as the majority ignores the views of others, it undermines its own legitimacy.

The crass refusal to be transparent about the Charles Street development (see the recently published independent report), the stubborn refusal to consider others' views, and the arrogant wasting of millions of pounds of public money on what became a vanity project, are ample reasons to support the proposed changes to the council's constitution.

The costs, set against what has already been squandered, are very minor indeed.

BARRY TEMPEST, Dorchester

French friends to visit

VISITORS from Louviers, the French twin town of Weymouth and Portland, will be in South Dorset over the coming days.

A party of five Frenchmen and women will arrive on Thursday, May 5th.

Leading the Louviers delegation will be Councillor Christian Wuilque, on his second visit to Weymouth.

As the Briefholder for international relations, he is representing the Mayor of Louviers, Francois-Xavier Priollaud who is unable to travel to Weymouth. The twinning between Weymouth and Louviers began in 1958.

A civic reception will be held on Friday, May 6th at the Portland Masonic Centre on Victoria Square, when borough Mayor, Councillor Christine James and Mayoress Trish Chorley will welcome the delegation, along with Mayor Elect Councillor Richard Kosior and Mayoress Elect Caroline Churchill.

In addition, Councillor Sandy West, Mayor Elect of Portland, will be part of the welcome.

The twinning dinner is designed to reflect traditional English fare, beginning with smoked salmon and continuing with rump of lamb or cod mornay.

"On behalf of the residents of the Borough of Weymouth and Portland, I would like to welcome Christian Wuilque from our twinned town of Louviers," said fayre Christine James, Mayor and President of the Weymouth & Portland - Louviers Society.

"This is not the first time he has visited our town, or indeed the beautiful county that is Dorset. As he is their Briefholder for international relations, I hope that he will feel the members of the Weymouth & Portland - Louviers Society are making sure that those relations are thriving and strong. We always seem to have more and more to reveal to our foreign friends, and I'm sure this year will be no different.

"I hope they enjoy their stay and our twinning history continues for many years."

On Saturday, May 7th, the French delegation will be taken to Exeter for a tour of the city and of the cathedral. The group will be received by the Mayor of Exeter, Councillor Olwen Foggin at the Guildhall, together with the Chairmen of the Weymouth & Louviers twinning committees- Geoff McDonnell and Jacqueline Hamon.

Councillor Richard Kosior will lead the reciprocal visit to Louviers, beginning on Wednesday, August 24th.

THE Quayside Musical Festival in Weymouth over the bank holiday weekend attracted hundreds of revellers to the free event.

A line-up of local bands played with a stage being set up close to the town bridge – a change from previous layouts.

The event is organised by The Rendevouz.

Pictured are music lovers at the Quayside Music Festival.

Coastwatch talk for Foresters

LOCAL Foresters have heard from volunteers at the local National Coastwatch.

Stan Zapiec and Roger Sutherland from the Portland Bill lookout, attended a meeting of Honorary Court Highclere No 1 Weymouth of the Ancient Order of Foresters at Pilgrim House.

They were welcomed by Chief Ranger Alderman Andy Hutchings, who has named them as his charity of the year.

Mr Zapiec told the meeting that Coastwatch received no public money and had to raise all their running expenses themselves.

All local volunteers, they keep a visual watch during daylight hours on all shipping movements passing through Lyme Bay, from their elevated station at Portland Bill. He thanked the Foresters for their support and invited members to visit the Coastwatch station in the summer.

CHIEF Ranger Alderman Andy Hutchings [centre] welcomes Stan Zapiec [left] and Roger Sutherland [right] from the National Coastwatch Institution at Portland Bill.

Photograph by Michel Hooper-Immins

Police issue con warning

DORSET police are warning resident to be wary of traders who call at their door.

It follows an incident in Eddison Avenue, Dorchester,

Police were told that two men approached the property owner claiming work needed to be carried out.

One of the men is described as being 5'11'', aged between 50 and 60, and of a large build.

The other man was reported to be younger, taller and of a slimmer build.

It is alleged the two men said the informant's roof tiles needed replacing. Upon being told the person in the property had no money, the two men are said to have offered to drive the person to the bank. This offer was declined and the men left.

If anyone has any information in relation to this incident, or have been called on in a similar way, call Dorset Police on 101 quoting 27:0204.

Natwest relaunch

THE National Coastwatch Institution, Portland Bill is putting on a display tomorrow (Thursday) as part of the relaunch of the Weymouth town centre branch of Nat West after a refurbishment.

The bank invited the NCI to its relaunch and their display from 10am-4pm will include attendance by watchkeepers, leaflets on what the NCI does and fundraising.

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College apprentices honoured at awards ceremony

WEST Dorset MP Oliver Letwin was guest of honour at the annual Kingston Maurward College Apprenticeship Awards Evening.

Guests were treated to a buffet dinner with addresses by Assistant Principal Andy Daw and Vice Chair of Governors Jim Tirrell, followed by an introduction from Mr Letwin.

Apprentices received awards in a range of subjects including Animal Care, Arboriculture, Equine, Environmental Conservation, Horticulture, Butchery, IT, Retail & Customer Service, and Active Leisure and Learning.

The overall Apprentice of the Year award was presented to Jamie Wright who also received the Intermediate Agricultural Apprentice of the Year award sponsored by the Yeovil Agricultural Society.

Assistant Principal Andy Daw said of the Awards Evening: "This is a real celebration of success for the apprentices, their families, the employers and staff at Kingston Maurward College.

"Apprenticeships are demanding, require hard work and continue to grow, and this event underlines that success both in the region and nationally."

PROUD Apprentices pick up prizes at Kingston Maurward presentation ceremony

WEST Dorset MP Oliver Letwin with Apprentice of the Year Jamie Wright

Film show at Age Concern

THE 1960 Walt Disney family feature film 'Swiss Family Robinson' will get a special screening at the Evergreens Cinema, Age UK Dorchester this Wednesday, May 4th.

Starring, John Mills, Dorothy McGuire and James McArthur, it chronicles the exploits of the Robinson family after they are shipwrecked on a deserted island. This film is a classic adventure with thrills, spills, romance, and non-stop fun.

The cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits will be served during the showing for just £1.50, and ice creams will also be available.

Everyone is welcome to go along to Age UK Dorchester's centre in Prince of Wales Road.

Tea party for the Queen

A DORCHESTER retirement home is holding a tea party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Churchill Retirement Living will throw open the doors of its Barnes Lodge development in Dorchester from 2pm-4pm on Tuesday, May 10th.

Lauren Amirmadhi, from Churchill Retirement Living, said: "Our tea party at Barnes Lodge is not only an opportunity for people in Dorchester to celebrate the Queen's landmark birthday with us, but is also a chance for us to say thank you to our owners for choosing Churchill Retirement Living.

"They'll be a host of treats on offer so we would like to see as many people as possible from the local area coming along to the party. It's also the ideal opportunity for those seeking the ideal retirement property in Dorchester to visit the Lodge and see what it has to offer."

To find out more about the tea party at Barnes Lodge and how to confirm your attendance, please call 01305 555 314 or visitwww.churchill-retirement.co.uk.

History stroll in town

DORCHESTER Strollers will be joined by local historian, Brian Bates, for a special walk this weekend.

The group, which normally only meet in the week, will be gathering at the Town Pump at 2pm on Sunday, May 8th.

Brian Bates will be leading the group on a tour of the town, pointing out some of its historical features and explaining the stories behind them.

New walkers are welcome to join the 'walking for fitness' group but should arrive at least ten minutes early for a few, basic, personal details to be noted.

Regular walks resumed on Monday 9th at 10.30am from the bottom end of South Street, outside the new café; and on Tuesday 10th at 2.15pm in North Square, by the side of the Corn Exchange for a short walk.

Hospice hosts monthly arts cafe

WELDMAR Hospicecare runs a monthly drop-in Arts Café on the first Thursday of every month in the Wellbeing Centre in Joseph Weld Hospice, Dorchester.

The next is being held this Thursday, May 5th from 10am until mid-day.

Each month there is a different artist-led activity on offer - something easy that can be done with no previous experience, such as painting on pebbles or making a lantern.

Anyone who has been diagnosed with any serious, life-limiting illness is welcome to come along. They can also bring an adult companion or carer if they wish.

Deborah Aita, Arts Therapist at Weldmar, said: "Our Arts Café is a lovely way to introduce people to our services whilst they chat, do something creative, and enjoy a cuppa. Often people think the hospice is just for when they're dying so they're surprised to find that we do lots of things here, including having fun! I urge people to pop in and have a go."

For more information about the Arts Cafe please ring the Weldmar's Arts Therapy office on 01305 215330.

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DORSET Welfare Benefits Partnership is holding advice sessions in Portland, Weymouth and Dorchester in the coming days.

The first will be held on Tuesday, May 10th between 10am and 12.15pm at Island Community Action, and will be by appointment only.

To make an appointment, please contact Island Community Action on 01305 823789 or at Unit 13, Easton Shopping Centre, Easton, Portland DT5 1EB, or email islandcommunityaction@btconnect.com.

In Weymouth a session will be held between 9.30am and 11.30am at Weymouth Community Safety Centre (new fire station), Radipole Lane, Weymouth, DT4 0QF, and will be by appointment only.

To make an appointment, please contact Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444. www.ageuk.org.uk/dorchester

In Dorchester there will be a similar session on Thursday, May 26th between 9am and 12.30pm at Age UK Dorchester.

To make an appointment, also contact Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444.

Band holds inaugural concert in new home

THE Dorchester Durnovria Silver Band perform in their new rehersal hall

DORCHESTER'S Durnovaria Silver Band has held an inaugural concert in its new King's Road headquarters.

Guests at the event included supporters who had helped the band raise enough to buy the former Fordington Methodist Church and civic dignitaries.

A total of more than £62,000 was raised in personal donations and loans – almost half the eventual total cost.

Principal guests were Councillor Peter Shorland, Chairman of West Dorset District Council, and Councillor Robin Potter, Mayor of Dorchester, both accompanied by their wives. Both councils awarded grants of £5,000 to the appeal.

Arts Council England also made a substantial grant from the National Lottery Fund.

The guests were welcomed by Leslie Phillips, MBE, president of the Durnovaria Silver Band, former Dorchester Mayor.

The band chairman, Colin Gannaway, introduced the instrumentalists and the Musical Director, Mrs Elizabeth Carter. He began by recounting something of the former Fordington Methodist Church's history since its founding in 1872. He thanked The Reverend Stephanie Jenner, Minister and its Church Council, for looking kindly on the attempts of the band to purchase the building.

The concert was preceded by the playing of the National Anthem, leading immediately into the band's customary march – 'Trailblaze'. This was followed by 'Fordington Green', a piece composed especially for the occasion by Elizabeth Carter.

The band's repertoire contains examples of several genres of music – classical, religious, film, 'pop', traditional military and brass band, and examples of each one were included in the concert. This concluded with Henry Wood's 'Fantasia on British Sea Songs', Edward Elgar's 'Land of Hope and Glory' and the traditional 'The Farmer's Boy' – a personal favourite of the Band's President.

Councillor Shorland thanked the band for an excellent concert, and complimented all involved in procuring the Durnovaria Band Hall for the benefit of the community.

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DORSET beaches with volunteers

Spring clean for Dorset's beaches

ALMOST 800 bags of litter were collected during the annual Great Dorset Beach Clean – with more than 700 volunteers taking part.

The event targeted 26 of Dorset's beaches and, for the first time, was co-ordinated by the Litter Free Coast and Sea Project, part of the Dorset Coast Forum.

Natalie Poulter, project co-ordinator said" "We'd like to give a huge vote of thanks to all the organisations who agreed to host a clean and, most importantly, to the hundreds of volunteers who gave up their time to help clean up Dorset's beaches in time for the summer season."

She added: "Beach cleans are an important way for us to understand what rubbish is being found on which beaches. In turn, this helps us to work out who we can work with to help stop more getting out there in the future- after all, if we don't reduce the amount going into the sea, these clean ups will go on forever."

Litter collected will be processed by the Dorset Waste Partnership, who will be recycling the waste wherever possible to prevent it going to landfill.

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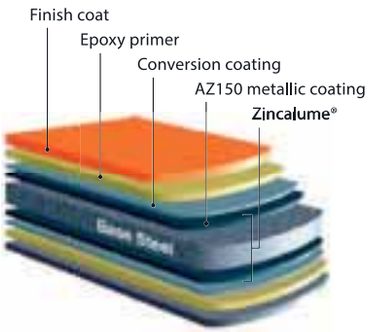

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AA rating for restaurant

ROOM To, the Dorchester restaurant based at the Wessex Royale Hotel has been awarded a AA Rosette after a visit by inspectors.

The Rosette scheme recognises high levels of creative cooking and top level service with the organisation saying that only 10% of restaurants nationwide are of a standard that is worthy of a rosette.

Said Steve Chaldecott, Manager of The Wessex Royale: "We would like to congratulate Nick Cherry and his team for this great achievement. Room To is not just for our hotel guests, its open to all. We been told it's one of Dorchester's hidden gems but now we are starting to get the recognition the restaurant deserves."

Christmas market idea

DORCHESTER could be joining the ranks of towns with an annual Christmas market.

The Weldmar Hospicecare Trust is behind the idea which has proved successful in towns such as Salisbury and Winchester.

The charity has asked Dorchester Town Council if the market could be held in the town's South Walks for the first time in December 2016.

Family dog show

ENTRIES are being invited to the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust dog show in Dorchester in June.

The meadow at the Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester will host a family dog show on Saturday, June 11th.

There will be 10 categories, including best young handler, cutest puppy, fancy dress and 'dog the judges would most like to take home'.

The event will also offer a variety of stalls and a BBQ and will be open from 12noon until 4pm, with judging beginning at 1pm. There will be a display from the Watercombe Dog Agility team – and a chance for your dog to have a go on their course.

More information can be found online at www.weld-hospice.org.uk/dogshow.

A CARD, designed by Dorchester couple, Janet and Alan Cooper (pictured), has been sent to the Queen to mark her 90th birthday.

The card was sent to Her Majesty by the couple on behalf of the congregstion of St Mary's Church, to represent their good wishes to the Queen on her birthday.

The card featured a photograph church memebers and inside the message read "Your Majesty. The congregation of St Mary's Church, Dorchster, send you warm congratulations on the celebration of your 90th birthday. May your celebrations be particularly happy and memorable."

If you have a story email trevorbevins@gmail.com

Friend Fund AGM

THE annual meeting of the Steve Charles Help a Friend Fund will be held on Monday, May 9th at 7.30pm at the Dorchester Rugby Club.

The group is looking for new trustees to help with administering its funds.

Volunteers and sponsors are also needed for the Warm Festival, due to be held in the Borough Gardens on Sunday, August 14th

The group can be contacted via emai at helphafhaf@yahoo.co.uk.

New taxi phone at station

SOUTH West Trains have been asked to put a telephone on Dorchester's West Station to allow free calls for a taxi.

The request has come from the Dorchester Area Community Partnership who claim that a phone point, similar to the one at Dorchester South station, would be useful for travellers.

Business club meeting

THE Dorvil 'Business Club' meets on Friday, May 6th at the George Albert Hotel at Wardon Hill, north of Dorchester.

The breakfast club is aimed at bringing businesses in the Dorchester, Yeovil, Bridport and Sherborne areas together.

The meeting will hear from Alan Stone, author of 'Dorset Cider'. It starts at 7.15am for a 7.30pm English breakfast which costs £5 to also include tea and coffee.

RNLI table top sale

A TABLE top sale with the proceeds going to the RNLI is to take place on Sunday. May 22nd, from 10am to 1pm at the Lubbecke Way communal hall.

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Carol is a partner at Dutton Gregory, solicitors and Head of the Clinical Negligence Department based in Bournemouth. She is a member of the AvMA (Action against Medical Accidents) Panel, the Law Society Clinical Negligence Panel and was the first solicitor in Dorset to obtain a legal aid franchise to undertake clinical negligence work.

Her appointment as President of Bournemouth & District Law Society is for one year and will see Carol chairing a range of executive and general committee meetings, hosting dinners and attending a European conference in Monaco later this year.

Carol stated "being appointed President of the Bournemouth & District Law Society is a great honour and I'm looking forward to being able to promote the wonderful work that the BDLS undertakes. Our industry is undergoing a huge amount of change and my role will enable me to support and encourage the new generation of lawyers as they qualify into their chosen career."

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Public get a glimpse backstage at theatre

PORTLAND'S Royal Manor theatre in Fortuneswell will be holding an open event this weekend.

Theatregoers and enthusiasts will be welcomed into the building, to experience a selection of events and activities that showcase the theatre's services.

Visitors will be able to see make-up and costumes, sound and light, carpentry and other aspects of a production at the event, on Saturday, May 7th, from 10am - 3pm.

Organisers have said there will also be a chance to tread the boards and feel the thrill of standing on the stage looking towards the audience. Also available will be costumes to dress up in and the chance to try some stage make-up.

Admission is free and the event is suitable for the whole family.

The theatre, which was created from a converted chapel, is run by the Royal Manor Theatre Company, which was established in 1947.

For a full schedule of the day's events, visit: www.royalmanortheatre.co.uk.

Dementia Week walk

COMMUNITIES will be coming together from May 16th for Dementia Awareness Week.

One in six people aged 80 and above have dementia. Younger people are also being diagnosed, with more than 40,000 now living with the disease in the UK.

Weymouth and Portland Dementia Action Alliance are raising awareness by organising a two-mile local walk, taking place on Wednesday, May 18th at 10.30am.

The walk will begin at Radipole Lake's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Centre in Weymouth and will make its way along the Esplanade and through the town centre.

The walk is open to all ages and abilities.

Free refreshments will be provided at the end of the walk.

If you are interested in joining the walk, please contact Julie Hursthouse at Weymouth & Portland Borough Council on 01305 838497.

If you would like to find out more information about how you can help with dementia in your local community there will be information on display at the libraries in Weymouth and Portland between May 16th and 23rd.

Freda celebrates 100th birthday

STAFF and residents at Care South's Buxton House in Weymouth marked a very special day at the home, when one resident celebrated her 100th birthday.

Freda Whitehead celebrated the milestone event in style as staff at the home arranged a celebration in the home's dining room, where Freda enjoyed an afternoon tea and birthday cake prepared and decorated especially by the home's chef.

Born two years into the First World War, Freda has seen a great deal of change in the last century, including two world wars, the discovery of penicillin, the first man on the moon and the rise of the digital age. Four different monarchs have ruled the country during her lifetime.

She was born in Portsmouth, and after leaving school worked in a library until the outbreak of the Second World War, where she became a Tracer at HMS Vernon and fell in love with her future husband Horace.

After Horace and Freda were married in May 1938 and the couple moved to Christchurch in the early 1940s before moving onto Weymouth in 1960. Freda loved to spend her spare time pursing her interests in cooking, music and joining the WI before becoming a resident at Buxton House in spring 2005.

She has three sons, eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren who helped Freda continue her celebrations with a second birthday party at Buxton House two days after her birthday.

Janine May, Home Manager at Care South's Buxton House, said: "We were very excited to be able to celebrate Freda's special day with her at the home.

"It was lovely to meet so many members of her family throughout the week and to fantastic to hear more about her wonderful life. "Freda was also very pleased with her card from the Queen which has pride of place amongst her other cards. At Care South, we work hard to make sure our residents' birthdays are really special events – especially milestone birthdays like these."

STAFF and residents at Care South's Buxton House in Weymouth celebrating Freda Whitehead's 100th Birthday

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Peace and zen comes to gardens

PARTICIPANTS carrying out Tai Chi moves by the Borough Gardens bandstand on Saturday for World Tai Chi and Chi Kung Day

THE gentle sounds of Chinese music drifted across Dorchester's Borough Gardens on Saturday for World Tai Chi Day.

Dozens came along to follow the moves of instructors, almost half trying the exercise for the first time.

Among them were residents from one of the county town's residential home who could follow most of the moves while seated, and members of the South Dorset group.

Tai Chi is practised across the world and is popular in oriental countries where entire workforces take part in sessions prior to starting the day. It is also popular among older people – providing a gentle exercise regime which keeps joints working and improved balance.

Further information about Tai Chi in the local area can be obtained from CORE Health, which organised the Dorchester event – www.core-health.co.uk

Local sessions are held on Tuesdays at Bradpole, Weymouth and Dorchester; on Wednesdays at West Bexington and on Thursday at Charlton Down.

New president for agricultural society

OWERMOIGNE farmer John Chilcott has been elected as the Dorchester Agricultural Society's president.

Mr Chilcott has been involved with the Dorset County Show for 66 years including being chairman in 1976 following in the steps of his father and grandfather.

He was appointed president at the society's annual general meeting at Kingston Maurward.

He takes over from Tom Bartlett, who has been President for the past four years.

Mr Chilcott remembers being a pig steward in 1950 when the Show was held at the Weymouth Avenue Showground (currently Tesco's). At that time, the family was farming at Bere Regis. He worked for the Fresh Meat Company (FMC) as a pig buyer and later farmed at Warmwell. He has been chairman and president of the Dorset Young Farmers' Clubs

The Chilcott family now run a mixed 500 acre holding at Glebe Farm, Owermoigne, growing crops, fattening 100 beef cattle and specialising in producing 2,000 free range turkeys for the Christmas market.

In accepting his presidential role, Mr Chilcott said he was keen to encourage young people across Dorset to get involved in the society and the show itself.

NEW Dorchester Agricultural Society president, John Chilcott

"We have had an excellent response and support to our 1840 Education Fund appeal, which is designed to provide education for schoolchildren within Dorset to gain knowledge in agriculture, horticulture and other rural enterprises.

"It is amazing that even in a county like Dorset that there are a number of youngsters from our towns and villages who don't know where their food comes from. We are looking to the future and want our young people to take a real interest in the countryside."

The society also elected Alastair Cowen as deputy president. Mr Cowen has been involved in the show for the past 28 years and is the society's honorary land agent. He is a consultant with Symonds and Sampson in Dorchester and is involved in the society's charity work, heading up the 1840 Fund.

The society re-appointed Wakely Cox as its chairman. Two new members were appointed to the Society's Board – Jason Bowerman, land agent and chartered surveyor at the Charborough Estate and Nicky Ralph, headteacher at Buckland Newton Primary School.

They think it's all over

FRIENDS of Rian Harvey prepare to kick-off wih a 12-hour game of football with Dorchester Mayor Robin Potter left) refereeing the match

DORCHESTER Mayor, Councillor Robin Potter, brought out his referee's kit to take charge of the opening session of a 12-hour football marathon.

The game, at the town football club Avenue Stadium, was held to raise money for the County Hospital's Kingfisher Ward in the name of Dorchester teenager Rian Harvey who was treated there, and at Southampton, for myeloid leukemia.

The marathon match kicked off before 8am with the ball sponsored by Dorchester Town Council.

"It's a great idea from this group of Rian's friends and I was delighted to play my part," said Mr Potter who, until recently, had refereed locally.

Dozens of goals were scored during the marathon with players being rotated to ensure that the 12-hour target was reached.

The group hope to raise £1,000 from the event and are asking local people to sponsor them, helping raise funds for the Kingfisher Ward.

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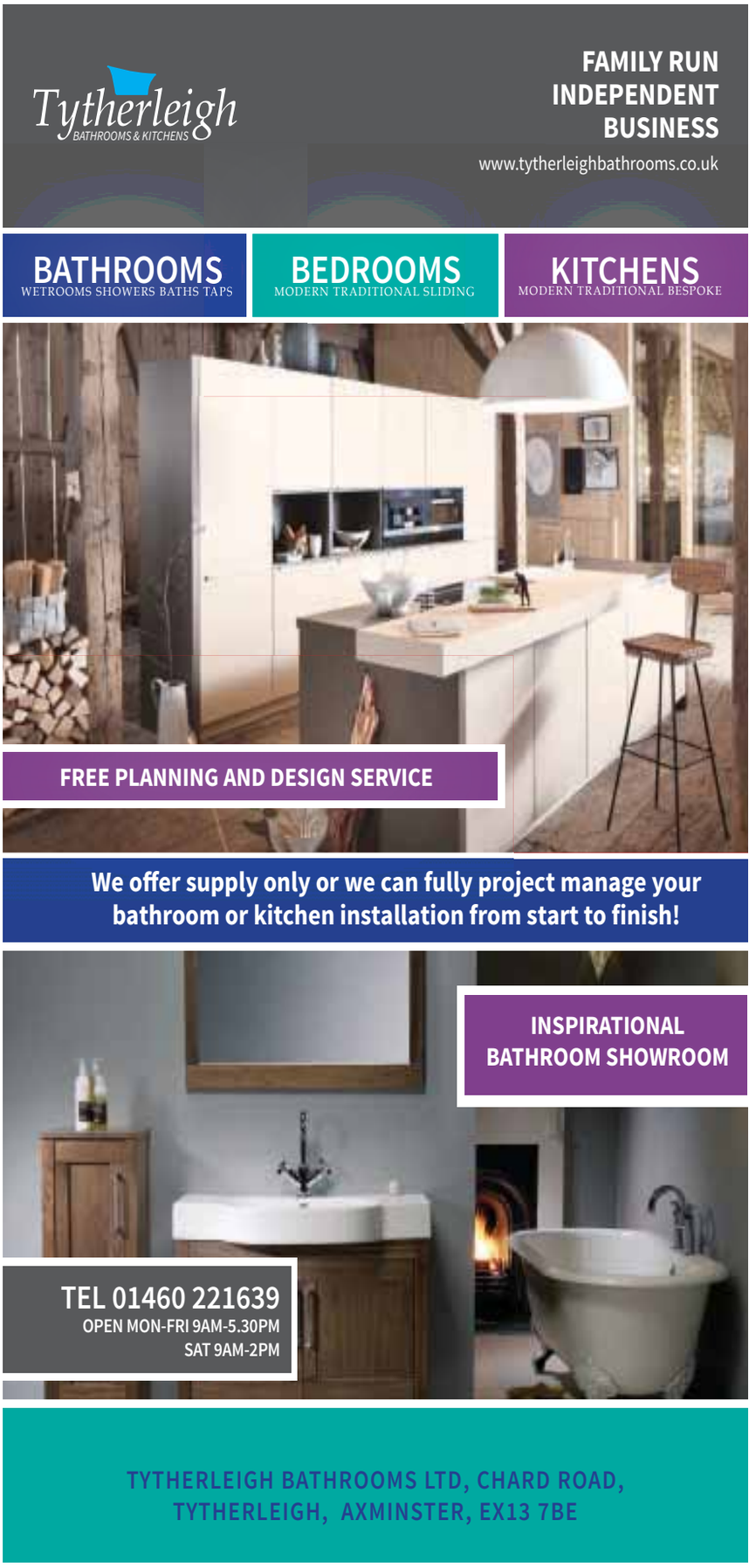

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Bridport Arts Centre hosts Sing-a-long-a Grease

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE will host Sing-a-long-a Grease on Saturday, May 7th, when the unique, interactive screening of the classic film rolls into town as part of a nationwide UK tour.

You'd better shape up to sing along to the great movie musical, complete with on-screen lyrics and the chance to become a T-Bird or Pink Lady for the night and enter the world famous fancy dress competition.

It's the one that you want, says its producer Ben Freedman, who previously brought us Sing-a-long-a Sound of Music and Sing-a-long-a Abba. "Sing-a-long-a Grease is the show that audiences have been asking for since we first presented a singalong show back in 1999"

Now, at last, Summer Lovin', Grease Lightning and the chance to sport a pink wig or greased quiff while belting out You're The One That I Want, are coming to a theatre near you.

"Sing-a-long-a Grease is much more than 'just a film'", says Freedman. ""It's an event, an interactive experience and the most fun you can have with your clothes on."

Every performance starts with a Sing-a-long-a host who warms up the audience, trains them how to "hand-jive", deploy the contents of their free magic moments fun packs and heckle in all the right places as well as judge the fancy dress competition.

40 Years Young

The 1972 show, about two lovers in a 1950s US high school, was based on an earlier, grittier "play with incidental music" called Grease Lightning, first staged in Chicago the previous year.

In 1978 it spawned into a movie starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. The movie was a huge hit on its first release. Twenty-five years later it was voted the greatest musical ever in a 2003 poll conducted for Channel 4's show on the 100 Greatest Musicals.

The birth of Sing-a-long-a

The unique, interactive entertainment form known as Sing-a-long-a, meanwhile, was allegedly born in an old people's home in Inverness. The nurses wanted to involve the residents in an interactive group therapy. They therefore wanted to screen Seven Brides For Seven Brothers and gave out song sheets so that everyone could sing-a-long.

The idea was then developed for the Sound of Music for London's Gay and Lesbian Film Festival in 1999, before opening at the Prince Charles Cinema in August of that year. After an initial eight-show run soon sold out, while attracting huge media attention, and regular shows has been running ever since not only in London but all around the world. Bridport Arts Centre held it's first sing-a-longa event last October with Rocky Horror Show. It was a huge success with a sold out theatre and most if the audience in fancy dress.

Tickets are £15, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204

A Welsh takeover at the next Comedy Café!

THE finest comedy talent from across the border will be entertaining crowds at the next comedy café show at the Bridport Arts Centre.

The comedy café will benefit from a Welsh invasion for the evening, with three of the best new and established award winning comedians coming to join the café regulars.

Headlining the show will be the frenetically funny Dan Thomas, a regular comedy club headliner, former tour support for Russell Kane and also a successful comedy writer.

A favourite among comedy goers up and down the country, Dan Thomas is a master at finding the humour in everyday life and viewing the mundane in the most inventive and hilarious of ways.

Opening the show will be the intricate comedy mind of Chris Chopping, warming up for his first solo outing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Chopping is a master of wordplay and understated humour.

In the middle will be one of the most exciting new acts to emerge from Wales in recent years, Bethan Roberts. Bethan has been a favourite in competitions since emerging onto the scene and is rapidly rising through the ranks after winning the prestigious Bath Comedy Festival New Act of the Year competition in 2015.

Completing the line up will be resident MC Tom Glover and a guest spot from a new regular act, and another local performer, Niki McCretton.

Niki has performed at the gig a few times in the past and is now going to be appearing monthly with a new 5 minutes for the local crowd.

The next Comedy Café night will be on Wednesday, May 4th at 8pm. Tickets are available online or from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204.

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The band play live at Dorchester Corn Exchange this Sunday, May 8th at 8pm (doors and bar 7.30pm). Tickets are £9, £7 members & concessions, or £5 livefor5, available online at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or by calling 01305 266926.

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THE story of the country-western singer Hank Williams, who in his brief life created one of the greatest bodies of work in American music.
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A WRITER indulging in all that Los Angeles and Las Vegas has to offer undertakes a search for love and self via a series of adventures with six different women.
Stars Christian Bale, Cate Blanchett and Natalie Portman.

Cinema Listings

Fri, May 6th - Thu, May 12th
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Due to the fire and subsequent closure of the Lyme Regis cinema, regular visitors are welcomed to the Sidmouth Radway Cinema.

Florence Foster Jenkins PG
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Wed: 14.00

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plus Mon: 12.15
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Mon: 15.00, 17.45, 20.00
Ratchet & Clank U
Sat & Sun: 11.15am
Robinsoe Crusoe PG
Fri, Tue-Thu: 12.30, 17.30
Sat & Sun: 10.15, 12.15, 17.15
Mon: 12.00, 17.30
The Jungle Book 2D PG
Fri, Mon-Wed: 11.45, 14.30, 17.15, 20.00
Sat & Sun: 12.00, 15.00, 16.45, 19.30
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UNTIL WEDNESDAY MAY 11TH

Lyme Regis: Coinciding with Lyme's Fossil Festival, this exhibition of coastal images and beach-combed curiosities launches photographer Lisa Woollett's new book, Sea Journal, part of which looks at the natural history, geology and mythology of the Jurassic coast. Free entry. 10.30am-4.30pm. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. www.townmillarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY MAY 4TH

Bridport: Bridport Post Office. Red Cross Tombola raising funds to establish and deliver a Support at Home Service operating from Dorchester Hospital. 10am-4pm. This will provide assistance to vulnerable people upon discharge from hospital, helping alleviate bed blocking and to encourage recovery in their own homes.

THURSDAY MAY 5TH

Dorchester: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet on Thursday, 5th May 2016 at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when our speaker will be from the Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance. We shall also be booking for our June outing which will be a cruise around Poole Harbour. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information.
Bridport: Bridport Electronic Organ & Keyboard Club concert at the United Church Hall, East Street. Starting at 7.30pm, with Dirkjan Ranzijn from the Netherlands. Visitors £9, members £7.50, with refreshments. For more details call 01460 73500.

FRIDAY MAY 6TH

Lyme Regis: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Judging of the following competitions: Dave King Cup: Folio of 5 mounted black and white prints, any subject. Lyme 1200 Trophy: Folio of 5 mounted colour prints, any subject. Victor Ludorum Wallis Trophy: Best overall image of the season.
Bridport: Family History. More Pre 1837 Records, Friday, May 6th and 13th, 10am-4pm. Marsh Barn Farm, Burton Rd. Bridport. We will be looking at more unusual records such as land tax, militia, estate records, poll books etc..Cost £50.00, includes handouts, coffee, tea and biscuits, bring lunch with you. For more information contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email janefhistory@aol.com

SATURDAY MAY 7TH

Bridport: Wessex Military Band concert Bucky Doo Square Bridport 10am-1pm. Free but voluntary donations by bucket collection.
Uplyme: Uplyme Village Hall Social evening with music by the ever popular Black Velvet. There will be a Bar plus a Ploughman's and Pudding supper. Tickets £5 per head available from Uplyme Garage/Post Office.
Bridport: Community Coffee Morning in St Swithun's Church with free coffee and homemade cakes at 10.45-11.45. Do come and join us. All welcome
Bridport: Coffee and Jazz at St Mary's Parish Church. Music from Mood Indigo, featuring sax, double bass and keyboard. 11am. Free entry, come and go, coffee and cake, book stall. Collection for roof fund.
Dorchester: Plant sale will be held in aid of the South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group at The United Church, South Street, Dorchester. Doors open at 10am. Also on sale will be bric-a-brac, books, cakes and coffees. Free entrance. All are very welcome.

SATURDAY MAY 7TH & SUNDAY MAY 8TH

Lyme Regis: Enjoy a weekend at The Town Mill, either browsing amongst the latest works of regional artists and craftspeople at our Springtime Arts & Craft Market in The Malthouse Gallery or, if you're an artist yourself, joining in painting, drawing or photographing the Mill and its surrounds over this artists' weekend. Both events are free to enter, artists coming to draw, paint or film are asked to register on arrival at the courtyard. The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU, 01297 444042 or info@townmill.org.uk

MONDAY MAY 9TH

Burton Bradstock: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Open to all. £7 (concs available). At Othona Community, Coast Road. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk
Beaminster: Moviola presents 'The Danish Girl' in the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets ate Yarn Barton 01308 862715 (weekdays 9.30-12.30 and Saturdays 9.30-1pm), or call 01308 861746. Advance tickets £5, £5.50 on the door.
Weymouth: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society's monthly meeting will be a presentation by Howard Matthews, a volunteer from Shelterbox, about the valuable work done by this charity for emergencies and disasters across the world. All are welcome to come along to find out more at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, for a 7.30pm start. Further details available from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.
Eype, near Bridport: Parent and baby/toddler swimming course 11.30-12noon at Highland's End Leisure Club. Have good fun, great exercise for young children, help develop muscles, bonding and building water confidence. For more information ring Penny Yarnold on 07970 879047 or 01308 426945.

TUESDAY MAY 10TH

Bridport: 'My Family and Other Smugglers' Roger Guttridge, will talk about his connections to Dorset smugglers in the 1700 and 1800s. At United Church Hall, East Street, 2.30pm. Members £1, visitors £2.50, all welcome. For more information contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email jferentzi@aol.com

WEDNESDAY MAY 11TH

Lyme Regis: U3A Heritage Coast. 'Experiencing Egypt: Three Years in Cairo'. Illustrated talk by Janet Diamond on Egypt in the early 1980s. Historical and cultural influences on this vast and complex ancient land, the politics of the 1980s, the rewards and difficulties of daily life, health and recreation, and many personal photos including street scenes of Cairo. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10.00am, talk at 11.00am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

THURSDAY MAY 12TH

Dorchester: Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall. The Venerable Paul Taylor will talk on 'The Road to West Stafford - reflections on a priestly life". 2.15pm. Admission £1, which covers a cup of tea and a biscuit. All welcome. For more details call 01305 259755.
Dorchester: The Durnovarian Dames Ladies Group. Bob Ayres will be presenting a talk entitled 'The Hidden Gardens of London' on Thursday, May 12th from 10am to Noon at The Recreation Ground Pavilion, Weymouth Avenue. For more details visit www.durnovariandames.weebly.com
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SATURDAY MAY 14TH

Weymouth: Broadwey, Upwey & District Horticultural Society Plant Sale in the Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue, Upwey, Weymouth. Doors open at 2pm.
Loders: West Dorset Group of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society talk 'The Bankes Project - Kingston Lacy' by Luke Dady, Dorset History Centre. Luke, who is working on the project, will give an update on what is being done and some of the fascinating discoveries they have found. The project is the biggest the Dorset History Centre has undertaken. At Loders Village Hall. 2pm. Members £1.50 and visitors £3.00, all welcome. For more information contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email jferentzi@aol.com
Puddletown: Concert by the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir at St Mary's Middle School, 7pm for 7.30pm. An evening of song and, by kind permission of the Head of School, special guest artistes from the School musicians and choir. Tickets: £8 in advance, £10 on the door, includes a drink and nibbles. Children under 16 £4. Tel: 01305 848510, 849048 and 848646. St Mary's Church is closed until the early autumn for a new heating system to be installed and proceeds will go towards this work. Charity No: 1150071.
Bridport: New Elizabethan Singers' 50 Anniversary Concert, performing Fauré's Requiem. At St Mary's Church. The concert starts at 7.30 pm and tickets (£12, under 18s free) will be available from both Bridport Music and Goadsby. For more information, phone 07528 105977

SATURDAY MAY 14TH & SUNDAY MAY 15TH

Broadwindsor: Broadwindsor Art Club Exhibition at The Old Salt House, West Bay, DT6 4EN 10am-6pm. Display of members' work, pictures for sale. Admission free, disabled access, parking nearby.
Lyme Regis: To coincide with National Mills Weekend, Lyme Regis's thriving Town Mill quarter hosts MillFest, its second annual festival of milling, music, family activities, art, food and drink centred on its 700-year-old working Mill and themed around the rhyme 'Sing a Song of Sixpence' to celebrate The Mill's first milling of rye flour. Open 11am-4pm. The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. www.townmill.org.uk

Email your diary dates listings to rob@viewnews.co.uk

Simon Evans

He's in the money

Simon Evans brings new show to Bridport Arts Centre later this month

Host of BBC Radio 4's Goes to Market and star of BBC1's Live at the Apollo, Simon Evans will be at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, May 14th.

In his new show 'In the Money', Evans attempts to conjure up humour from the conundrum that is economics. As well as entertaining people, he is happy to share his advice on a subject that he declares no one entirely understands. He has been immersing himself in economics for the last couple of years in preparation for this tour, however don't be surprised if the whole thing deteriorates swiftly into a rant about his children, but these at least are the lofty aspirations he is starting with.

Expect witty and edgy one liners and an informative and entertaining evening.

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Tickets are £12, £10 members & concessions, or £5 livefor5, available online at the website www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or by calling 01305 266926.

Re-imagining a Dream

EXPERIENCE an innovative re-imagining of A Midsummer Night's Dream at Bripdort Arts Centre on Friday, May 13th.

In this intoxicating one-woman show we witness Titania, the much-loved Queen of the Fairies reflecting on love and her relationship with Oberon. She plays out events from her past and hosts nightly revelries in an attempt to woo audiences off the path and back into the woods.

Performed by Anna-Helena McLean, this show is an engaging, funny and sensual event. The performance includes theatre, music and vocal acrobatics. Enjoy this twist on one of Shakespeare's most loved characters.

On Saturday, May 14th, 10:30am-1:30pm at The Lyric Theatre take part in the Acting Voice – a workshop led by 'Titania' AKA Anna-Helena McLean, musician, director.

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Moonfool's *Titania* will be performed at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, May 13th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 or £10 from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Anna-Helena McLean

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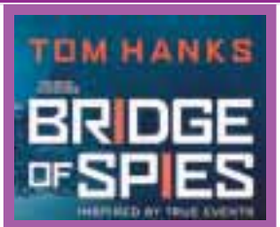

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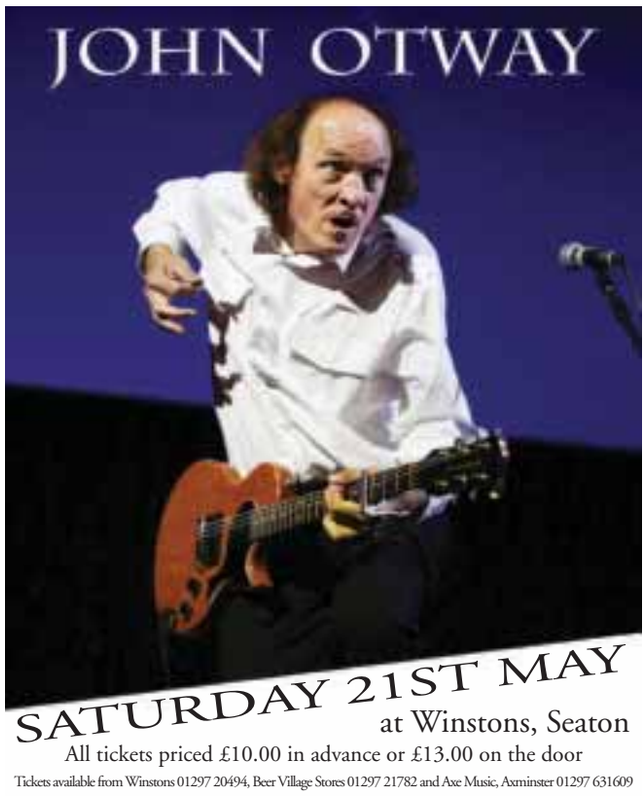

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5 TIPS ABOUT ELECTRIC UNDERFLOOR HEATING

By Julia Gray, Press Association

ONE: An electric underfloor heating system (also known as a dry system) radiates heat through a series of wires in the floor. It's either a mat, which is best for large spaces because it can be rolled out to cover an entire floor, or a cable/loose-fit system (individual wires). This is a flexible solution for smaller and awkwardly shaped rooms, such as bathrooms, where there's no need to heat the floor under the basin and bath. Heating mats should be laid on a finished subfloor, such as plywood, and encased in a flexible levelling compound or flexible tile adhesive, while cable/loose-fit systems should be encased in the finishing screed of a concrete floor.

▲ Kitchen with underfloor heating, available from The Underfloor Heating Store. (Picture credit: PA Photo/Handout)

TWO: One of the benefits of underfloor heating is that there's more free wall space than with radiators. Another benefit is that the room is heated more evenly - with radiators, you get cold spots. Radiant heat (produced by underfloor heating) is the most efficient form of heat distribution, and airborne dust is greatly reduced, which is good for allergy sufferers. Underfloor heating works at a lower temperature to radiators, so a well-insulated home is vital to prevent heat loss (see below).

THREE: Electric underfloor systems can work with most types of floor covering (check when you buy if in doubt), from carpet, vinyl and wood, to ceramic tiles and natural stone, but it's important to get the right wattage. A 100W mat can be used to take the chill off cold floor tiles, while a 150W mat can be used as a primary heating source, providing adequate insulation is in place. For areas of high heat loss, such as conservatories, a 200W mat is needed. You can adjust the temperature easily from a thermostat (a smart thermostat can be controlled by an app) and independently of your home's central heating system - electric underfloor heating is ideal for warming a cold bathroom floor when the central heating's off.

FOUR: A poorly insulated home loses lots of heat, reducing the effectiveness of any underfloor heating system. If the floor isn't insulated sufficiently, for example, the underfloor heating will heat the earth below, as well as the room above, which no one wants. Whether you're fitting an electric or wet underfloor system, ensure you insulate under the heating elements sufficiently, and insulate elsewhere in the home as much as possible to get maximum benefit.

FIVE: If you're a competent and experienced DIYer, you could fit electric underfloor heating yourself, as long as a qualified electrician connects the system to the mains supply and thermostat. Find out more about underfloor heating at www.theunderfloorheatingstore.com.

HOW-TO TIP: Fillers, even ones designed for deep gaps, usually need to be built up in layers to get a good finish. Wood filler tends to dry quickly, but may not be as hard as it seems if the repair's deep - sanding it is the acid test. Similarly, wall filler (even a quick-drying one) may take much longer than the recommended time to harden fully, especially if you've had to build it up, so allow plenty of time before sanding or the filler may sag.

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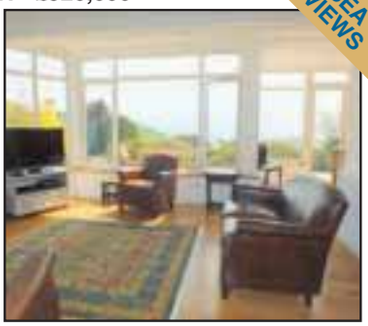

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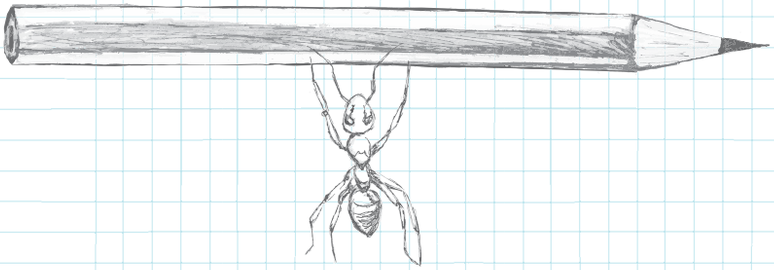

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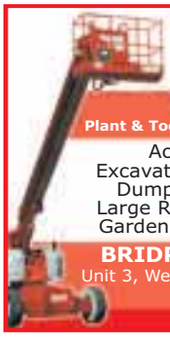

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New Volkswagen Amarok to gain six-cylinder engine

VOLKSWAGEN Commercial Vehicles is raising the bar, with its premium pick-up, the Amarok, set to gain a bigger 'heart' and enhance its performance potential, thanks to the latest generation of Volkswagen V6 engines. Drivers of the Amarok can look forward in future to an additional litre of displacement offered by the 3.0-litre engine, while the pick-up will continue to boast impressive on- as well as off-road capability. Its new engine will deliver 550 Nm of torque and has an output of 224 PS.

Robust and reliable: the new agile V6 diesel engine for the Amarok meets the customer requirement for high torque at low engine speeds. The powerful top-of-the-line six-cylinder engine produces its maximum torque at only 1,500 rpm. At 550 Nm, this maximum torque is also 130 Nm higher than in the previous model. The Amarok is thus able to deliver sufficient propulsive power and torque performance in any situation.

The highest gear's long gear ratio in the manual or 8-speed automatic gearbox reduces revs and fuel consumption during consistently fast driving, and thus helps ensure low noise levels and CO2 emissions. The combined NEDC fuel consumption of the new Amarok with 224 PS and 8-speed automatic gearbox is expected to be 7.6 litres/100 km (around 37 mpg)*. This corresponds to a new top level of 199 grams CO2/km *.

The model's engine is designed to be robust and long-lasting. The 3.0-litre TDI engine (2,967 cc) in the new Amarok will be available in three output levels: 120 kW / 163 PS, 150 kW / 204 PS or a top-performing 165 kW / 224 PS. All engines comply with the Euro 6 emissions standard. The most powerful engine variant will be offered first. As early as the end of September 2016, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles customers will thus be able to begin exploring the world of six-cylinder engines. (The new model is expected to go on sale in the UK before the end of 2016.)

Three different drive-system versions will be offered in line with the respective engine variants: a traditional rear-wheel drive, and a 4MOTION version with either rear-wheel drive and an engageable front axle in combination with a manual gearbox, or with a permanent all-wheel drive system and a Torsen differential with the 8-speed automatic gearbox. The Servotronic steering system is new in the Amarok and will be available as standard equipment in Europe. This system is one of the reasons why the Amarok can be driven very precisely.

New 17-inch brake discs on the front axle of the 165-kW Amarok and 16-inch discs at the rear ensure that the powerful pickup always comes to a stop quickly and safely. The Automatic Post-Collision Braking System, which has won multiple awards, is also included as standard.

The powerful impression the Amarok makes is underscored by a more athletic-looking front end and an all-new dashboard. Together with new ergonomic seats, these features lend the vehicle a more sophisticated and valuable appearance. In addition, the model's design clearly bears Volkswagen's DNA. With a length of 5.25 metres and a width of 2.23 metres (mirrors included), the Amarok delivers everything one would expect from a classic pick-up.

The new body-coloured sports bar in the launch model (which will be marketed in Europe as the Amarok Aventura) visually shifts the double cab rearwards and also extends over a small part of the 2.52 m2 load platform inside the cargo compartment. Various additional styling bars, covers, cargo area coatings and hardtops are also available for the Amarok cargo compartment.

In addition, the load platform in the four-door Amarok can accommodate a Euro-pallet loaded sideways. A payload capacity of more than one tonne is possible, depending on the equipment features selected. In future, some variants of the new Amarok will also boast a towing capacity of up to 3.5 tonnes.

The wheels in the various equipment levels offered with the Amarok are now larger, which makes for an even more powerful and sporty appearance. The Amarok Aventura features 20-inch alloy wheels and the Park Distance Control parking assistant, which utilises a rear-view camera. The overall impression of the Aventura is made perfect by bi-xenon headlights, LED daytime running lights, LED licence plate lighting and LED-illuminated side sills under the doors. (UK market availability is yet to be confirmed.)

* Provisional figures, depending on the equipment features selected

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ŠKODA buyers get 'The Full Monte' with expanded Yeti Monte Carlo range

ŠKODA is expanding its in-demand Yeti Monte Carlo range with the addition of two new engines. Following its introduction to the Yeti line-up last year, the sporty Monte Carlo variant has proved extremely popular with buyers – prompting ŠKODA to offer an even broader and more affordable range for 2016.

Originally available with a 2.0 TDI 150PS diesel, the Yeti Monte Carlo range now features a 1.2 TSI 110PS petrol and 2.0 TDI 110PS diesel – with the former offered with an optional seven-speed DSG gearbox.

The arrival of the two new engine options has the added advantage of making the Yeti Monte Carlo an even more affordable proposition, with the 1.2 TSI 110PS model starting at just £19,700 OTR. Adding the DSG automatic gearbox increases the price to £20,800 OTR while the new 2.0 TDI 110PS diesel is priced at £21,045 OTR.

All three new models are front-wheel drive and come with generous specification lists and a striking design package. This consists of 17-inch Origami alloy wheels finished in gloss black, Bi-Xenon headlamps with cornering function and dynamic angle control, black roof and door mirrors and black spoilers at the front and rear. In addition, all versions feature a black front grille, Monte Carlo badging and LED rear lights.

Inside, standard equipment includes a three-spoke Supersport leather multifunction steering wheel, sports seats with Monte Carlo upholstery and Monte Carlo floor mats, instrument cluster and door sill trims.

The new models are available to order now, and join an already established line-up of Monte Carlo models that are available on the Citigo and Fabia ranges. Inspired by ŠKODA's rich sporting history, the badge first appeared in 1937 on the Popular Sport Monte Carlo Coupe – a special edition model built to celebrate the brand's success in the 1936 Monte Carlo Rally. The badge was re-introduced to the range in 2011 on the Fabia Monte Carlo.

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Grand Cherokee among 'Top 10 Best Cars to Own' as Jeep is named UK's 'Most Improved Brand'

FURTHER proof of Jeep's growing reputation in the UK is shown today in a major survey on the best cars to own – the Grand Cherokee 4x4 is named as one of the 'Top 10 Best Cars To Own', while the Jeep brand is heralded as the 'most improved'.

The findings, from the Auto Express 2016 Driver Power Survey, put the Grand Cherokee in ninth position, out of more than 150 cars sold in the UK. The survey also shows how Jeep as a brand is now ranked in 11th place – up from last year's 26th – thereby registering the best improvement. Comfort, practicality, technology and ease of driving are all highly rated by UK Jeep owners.

With an overall score of 91.99 per cent, the 250 hp 3.0-litre V6 turbo diesel Grand Cherokee has clearly impressed a large proportion of new and existing car owners, as Jeep continues to make great in-roads in the UK, in terms of sales.

In March this year, the brand registered 2597 cars – the greatest single month in its UK history. Last year Jeep capped a hugely successful 2015, increasing its sales, compared with 2014, by 137.2 per cent to a record-breaking 10,794, making it the fastest-growing car brand in the UK.

Among the Grand Cherokee's highlights for ownership are its performance, ride quality, practicality and in-car technology, according to the survey.

The "big American off-roader continues to score well in most categories" says the survey. Owners "rate the Grand Cherokee fun and comfortable to drive."

"Practicality matters for most SUV owners, and the car scored well here due to its large boot and roomy interior," it concludes.

"We have been delighted with Jeep's sales record in the UK recently, but that can only be sustained if Jeep owners are happy with their car," says Damien Dally, head of brand, Jeep UK.

"We are naturally delighted to see that it appears to be the case. The Auto Express Driver Power Survey is a good gauge for us and this year the result is certainly a very positive one for Jeep."

The Jeep Grand Cherokee cost £48,195 (OTR) for the 3.0 CRD V6 Overland, £51,995 (OTR) for the 3.0 CRD V6 Summit, and £65,995 (OTR) for the 6.4 V8 Hemi SRT.

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It's estimated half a million car park collisions occur annually according to Accident Exchange[1]. But with Advanced Park Assist drivers in Dorset can tackle tricky parking manoeuvres with ease, making the whole process simpler and safer.

Dominic Avery, Company Director at Lanehouse Vauxhall comments: "With more cars on the road, parking spaces are in high demand, and I'm sure all motorists can relate to finding that perfect parking spot, only to discover it's a tight squeeze to manoeuvre into. We are here to help; our Advanced Park Assist function does all the hard work for you, whether you've just passed your test or have years of experience under your belt, it's so simple."

Advanced Park Assist is now available at Lanehouse Vauxhall as an optional extra in the Vauxhall Corsa. The new Vauxhall Corsa offers additional safety features to make driving simple and hassle-free including OnStar and a class-leading IntelliLink infotainment system.

To view #ParallelBarking and see Gerty, please visit: http://bit.ly/1UeGdcv. To find out more about the Vauxhall Corsa and features available, please contact your local Lanehouse Vauxhall or go online to www.lanehousevauxhall.co.uk.

Motorists in Dorset can drive away with the new Vauxhall Corsa Limited Edition for just £169 per month. Available at local retailer Lanehouse Vauxhall, there is a first year insurance offer available for drivers aged 21-75 and only a £99 contribution from drivers aged 18-20. Terms and conditions apply[2].

[2]Personal contract hire offer on Corsa Limited Edition 1.4i 75PS ecoFLEX, 3-Door in Flame Red with Advanced Park Assist and Bi-Xenon headlights, on orders received before 30 June 2016, subject to availability and status. Age 18+ only. Figures based on a non-maintenance contract hire package with advance rental of £2,704, then 35 monthly rentals of £169.

[1]Stats based on Accident Exchange: http://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/cars/article-2839262/Number-car-park-accidents-increase-vehicles-bigger.html

▲ Gerty shows off Vauxhall Motor's Advanced Park Assist technology

The new BMW i3 94 AH

THE BMW i3 is the world's first premium car designed from the ground up to be powered by an electric drive system. The result is a vehicle that embodies BMW's commitment to driving pleasure without compromise. Since the launch in November 2013 the BMW i3 has gone from strength to strength winning various accolades including UK Car of the year 2014 and Green Car of the Year by WhatCar? Now, the success story is set to continue with the introduction of the 94Ah battery on both the BMW i3 and the BMW i3 Range Extender models.

The BMW i3 94Ah replaces the current 60Ah model and has a capacity of 33kWh thanks to the higher storage density of the lithium ion cells. The battery dimensions remain unchanged with more than a 50 per cent range increase in the standard NEDC cycle. This equals a range of 195 miles in everyday driving. The motor propels the BMW i3 from zero to 62mph in just 7.3 seconds (BEV) making the BMW i3 both the sportiest and most efficient electric vehicle in its segment

The latest in innovative battery technology.

The high-voltage battery in the BMW i3 consists of eight modules (each with 12 individual cells), and its capacity has increased significantly without any changes in structure or exterior dimensions. By optimising the cell-internal packages with more electrolyte and adapting the active material, BMW has succeeded in increasing cell capacity to 94Ah and overall battery energy to 33kWh.

The range of the new BMW i3 94Ah (BEV) in everyday use, on a full battery charge with the air conditioning or the heating on has been significantly increased to 195 miles. This is achieved with no subjective loss of driving performance and agility. BMW i models strike the ideal balance between efficiency, performance and range. From standstill to country-road speeds, the BMW i3 94Ah is on par with sporty, conventionally combustion engine powered cars.

The lithium-ion cells used in the battery are particularly notable for their high energy density and impressive cycle life: they are designed to perform their energy storage function over the vehicle's entire lifespan.

The coolant of the air conditioning system is responsible for cooling the high-voltage battery very effectively. An optional heating system can also be used to heat the battery to ensure the optimum operating temperature of 20°C before starting off. The battery has been designed to last for the car's entire service life. Customers receive an 8-year or 100,000 mile warranty on the battery.

▲ The new BMW i3 94Ah

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Kettering Town	46	80
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Chippenham Town	46	76
King's Lynn Town	46	70
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Shaftesbury Town	30	79
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Mere Town	31	31
Blandford Utd	31	27
Wareham Rangers	32	26
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Cranborne	31	3

Dorset Senior (20)	Pld	Pts
Chickerell Utd	18	43
Gillingham Town Res	19	42
Dorchester Sports	20	41
Witchampton Utd	19	31*
Sturm Newton Utd	20	29
Westlands Sports Res	19	23
Corfe Mullen Utd	20	23
Portland Utd Reserves	18	19
Blandford Utd Reserves	19	17
Piddletrenthide Spart	20	16
Poole Borough	20	15

Dorset Div One (16)	Pld	Pts
Milborne Port (C)	15	35
Boscombe Polonia	16	33
Wincanton Town Res	16	25
Dorchester Sports Res	15	23
Shaftesbury Town Res	13	22
Canford Utd	16	22
Swanage T & H Res	15	14
Portland Town	15	9
Gillingham Town A	15	6

Dorset Div Two (24)	Pld	Pts
Chickerell Utd Res	21	50
Broadstone	23	47
Corfe Castle	22	41
Parley Sports Reserves	23	39
AFC Blandford	20	32
Tisbury	18	29
Wool & Winfrith	22	28
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Puddletown	24	27
Mere Town Reserves	21	26*
Wareham Rangers Res	18	17
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Dorset Div Three (16)	Pld	Pts
Portland Utd Youth (C)	16	42
Milborne Port Res	15	26
Portland Town Res	16	25
Maiden Newton & Cat	16	24
Broadstone Reserves	16	19
Sturm Newton Res	15	19
Owermoigne	14	18
Stalbridge	16	16
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Dorset Div Four (20)	Pld	Pts
Marnhull (C)	19	49
Sturm Marshall Res	19	41
Donhead Utd	18	35
Portland Town A	18	29
Pimperne Sports Soc	19	27
UFC Poundbury	18	23
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	19	20
AFC Blandford Res	17	18
Kangaroos	18	16
South Cheriton Res	16	16
Wool & Winfrith Res	19	16

Dorset Div Five	Pld	Pts
Portland Town B	21	49
Okeford Utd	19	44
Lytchett & Upton	18	34
Marnhull Reserves	17	28
Chickerell Utd Res	21	27
Corfe Castle Reserves	18	26
Wool & Winfrith A	20	6*
Crossways Spitfires	20	6

Football round-up

Portland Town Reserves in final

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

WITH one match remaining it would appear that WEYMOUTH RESERVES, despite a fine eight-game unbeaten run, are going to have to settle for a third place finish.

With Shaftesbury Town having sewn up the title days ago, the Terras second-string had set-their sights on the runners-up spot. But a 2-2 draw at Westlands Sports means that is likely to go to Hamworthy Recreation.

Weymouth did bank three more points from Monday's trip to Mere Town but must now win at Sherborne Town Reserves on Saturday and hope that Rec lose both all of their last three fixtures.

Meanwhile, just two points from a possible 12 has seen BALTI SPORTS' season tail off.

Balti dropped two on Saturday when they were held 1-1 at Mere.

Saturday's fixtures; Sherborne Town Res v Weymouth Reserves, Balti Sports v Hamworthy Recreation (both 3pm ko).

DORSET LEAGUE SENIOR DIV

DORCHESTER SPORTS remain in the top three after completing their league campaign with a 5-0 win at Corfe Mullen United.

The teams in third and fourth place, Witchampton and Sturminster Newton United shared four goals and the points with Sturm's goals coming from Tom Carter and Neill Sweatman.

Chickerell United Reserves have kept their noses in front in the title race with a 4-0 win over Piddlehinton United with their strikes coming from Josh Why, Steve Lambert, Steven Churchill and Jamie West.

DIVISION THREE - LEAGUE CUP SF

Portland Town Reserves made the final when they won 3-1 at Milborne Port Reserves 3-1 with goals from Matt Dunlop, Jon McKenzie and Elliott Gould.

Portland will play Sturminster Newton United Reserves in the final after they defeated their hosts Owermoigne 3-0.

The Final will be at Milborne St Andrew on Saturday (2-30pm kick off).

Charminster Golf

Boggust joy

FOUR competitions were held at Charminster Golf Club during April.

The first was the **Sunday Medal** which was won by Mark Boggust. His score of 75/11/64 emerged as the lowest gross. Nigel Brinsley secured second place with 83/16/67. He was ahead on countback from third placed Andy Draper who scored 84/17/67.

The Division One **Wednesday Medal** was won by Graham Swingewood. His score of 86/19/67 led to a subsequent one-shot handicap reduction.

With the lowest gross score of 85/13/72, Peter Churchill was placed second via countback. Colin Davis was third with 84/19/72.

The Division Two Medal was won by Tony Lee with 87/20/67, the lowest gross score. John Maddocks was second with 91/21/70 and Paul Comer third, scoring 92/21/71.

The **Sunday Stableford** was won by Roger Kellaway who scored 35 points from his 16 handicap. Tony Lee again featured, taking second place after countback with 35/19.

Paul Harris was third with 34/17 ahead on countback from Brian Drammis with 34/12.

The Wednesday players competed in a **Texas Scramble**. A team comprising new Seniors Captain Dave Wallbridge, Bob Irwin & Graham Swingewood scored a nett 65 for first place.

Colin Davis, Bev Brewer & Phil Farmer also came home with a nett 65. Countback was again applied to place them second.

The **Three Counties** team have played in two matches.

After winning 4-1 away at YEOVIL a 3½-1½ reverse was suffered at home to STURMINSTER MARSHALL. The reserve pair halved their game.

The **Seniors team** have played three matches. At home against new opponents FERNDOWN FOREST, the match was halved 3½-3½.

At KINGWESTON the result was a hefty 5–1 loss. And there was a further 4-2 loss at home to WHEATHILL.

Moonfleet 2000 Bowls

Good turnout for Triples Competition

◆ **WELL DONE:** Andy Parsons Associates sponsored a drawn triples completion for 36 members of Moonfleet 2000 Indoor Bowls Club at the Marsh. It was a full day of enjoyable, competitive bowling with an inter-team round-robin of the drawn 12 teams with a final knockout between the leading four teams. The eventual winners were; Mary Collins, Mick Moxham, Rose Giles who are pictured above with Terri and Mike Pashen of Andy Parsons Associates.

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Glovers News

By Stuart Broom

MY response when I'm found to be wrong by my wife is to admit it and say that the last time I made an error was wrong about anything was in 1955!

However, hearing Darren Way address a meeting of the Bridport Glovers Supporters Club recently, I am happy to acknowledge I was wrong.

Way, along with his assistant Terry Skiverton, chairman John Fry and midfielder Matty Dolan were in Bridport conducting a Q&A session as recompense for not being able to make their annual dinner in November when they had to cancel on the day.

I was one of 98 per cent who felt he was the wrong choice when Paul Sturrock was sacked when they were rock bottom of League 2 and looking certain relegation candidates for the third consecutive season

However having heard the diminutive former midfielder speak on a number of subjects from how he turned the Glovers fortunes around at Christmas, to discipline, and plans for next season, I was happy to stand up at the meeting and apologise having poured scorn on his appointment in my column.

Whilst he speaks in an almost monotonic voice, which made me wonder beforehand how he had managed to inspire the same players to retrieve the situation, he spoke confidently, was very knowledgeable and most of all, passionate about what he is doing.

He spoke about leading an example to everyone in the club. To him, everything is achievable within the confines of the budget.

He certainly spoke like he played; from the front. He was prepared to show the players and staff his desire and expected everyone in the club to show the same.

Way addressing around 50 fans said: It's been tough over the last two years. I was part of the club and led us out in the first game in the Football League (he captained the side in place of the injured Skiverton at Rochdale in 2003), and ended up having the responsibility of keeping the club from dropping out this season."

He said that the first thing he had to do was change the environment at the club, both on and off the pitch, and that having now done that, the club has the chance to stick together and build for next year.

"I am my own man and with my work rate, passion, desire and emotional attachment, I have the opportunity to take the club forward. I'm not scared of the task ahead."

Assistant manager Skiverton explained his work ethic and how he turned the team around by his actions. He said: "One of the first things he did was to ensure the place was spotless and led from the front by getting down on his hands and knees and scrubbing the floors.

He introduced "buzz words" and when we had training on Christmas morning he and I were out on the 3G pitch putting out the cones in the dark so training could start immediately. He ensures player's time, whether on the pitch or in the classroom is used to the maximium.

Chairman Fry said it was harder to stay in the league that get promoted and congratulated his manager and staff saying: "It's an absolutely brilliant achievement by Darren and his team to do what he has done and in such a short time.

"He is well coached and totally committed and has proved to be exactly the right man for the job. He's also very technical and tactical"

He also praised Skiverton for his coaching ability and credited him for the improvement, particularly in defence.

He went on to explain some of the problems in running a football club and why he is encouraging everyone to renew their season tickets despite an increase, to ensure the club can be more competitive following the introduction of the Financial Fair Play regulations.

More on this and other comments from Mr Fry can be read on the article that follows in next week's edition.

Bees News

Battered Bees go down again

Bitton 4
Bridport 1
Toolstation Premier Division - att; 43

BRIDPORT, with Ryan Hayer once again deputising in place of a regular keeper, took the lead on Saturday through Darren Watts after Ryan Dovell had previously hit the post.

However, Bitton equalised before half-time and after the break scored three more to condemn the Bees to their fifth loss in a row.

Bulman ends season on high

Bridport Reserves 4
Wareham 1
Dorset Premier League

Manager Shaun Annetts described Gary Bulman's performance as "stunning" as he masterminded the Bees third win in five days on Monday.

Bridport raced into a three goal lead inside half an hour.

Robin Jones before Chris Herbst collected a Bulman cross and fire it into the top left corner.

Bulman, playing his last game of the season due to a pending suspension, then added a third.

Keeper Kieron Park then pulled off a brilliant save but could do nothing about Wareham pulling one back.

Herbst rounded off the scoring when he beat four players in a mazy run before netting from 10 yards.

◆ HALF CENTURY: Nick Roe.

A View From the scorebox - the local cricket scene

WITH STUART BROOM

Dorch off to a flier with narrow win

Dorset Funeral Plan League
Premier League
DORCHESTER (19) 254-8 BEAT MARTINSTOW N(11) 236-8 BY 18 RUNS

DORCHESTER won the bragging rights on the opening day which saw them narrowly defeat Martinstown by 18 runs.

In the end it was perhaps Martinstown's wayward bowling that was the decisive factor as they not only conceded 49 wides, but were docked four overs for overrunning the three-hour per innings limit under new rules this season. The four overs could have been vital as the vistors still had two wickets in hand.

Asked to bat Nick Roe and Dan Belt got Dorchester off to a brilliant start with and opening partnership of 144, although things could have been so different had Belt not been dropped in the gully in the second over.

Chris Read finally made the breakthrough just after drinks taking a return catch from Roe (56) for a fine half-century.

The Martinstown bowlers, now rid of the early rustiness, were now in their stride and began to make inroads with Matt Rimmer bagging 4-45 and Teddy Andrews 3-40.

Belt finally fell for a superb 82 which included just eight fours as Dorchester reached 254-8.

Skipper Ed Nichols and Lee House made a solid start for Martinstown with an opening stand of 54 before House (24) was caught behind off debutant Jack Walklett (1-54).

Sam Kershaw (5) quickly departed, but new all rounder Fraser Hill helped his captain add 92 for the third wicket before Nichols was bizarrely run out. Looking to back up Hill for overthrows as shy at the stumps missed, Nichols found himself out of his crease as the ball struck his stumps at the non-striker end.

Fraser tried to push on and his 66 in just 47 deliveries put Martisnstown back in the hunt. However, despite an unbeaten 36 from Andrews in 19 balls they couldn't reach their target.

Winning captain Simon Mitchem said: It was great to start with a win, but it was much closer than it should have been; after the start we had we should have set them 280-290.

Nichols made no excuses for being docked the four overs: "We have no excuses we knew the rules, but having got to 32 off three, another four overs would have made it interesting.

"The number of wides was not acceptable, but after drinks they really made a good job to bring us back in the game."

County Division 1
BERE REGIS (10) 175 ALL OUT LOST TO WEYMOUTH (19) 187-6 BY 12 RUNS

WEYMOUTH made it a winning start after all the trials and tribulations of last year with an excellent victory at Bere Regis; never an easy task especially on their own patch.

The Seasiders produced a display that pleased Simon Browne, who will share captaincy duties with Kieron Womble.

Having been asked to bat, Womble and Tony Quayle put on a 60 run opening partnership, before Neil Walton, Browne and Dean Janaway all added solid performances; the top five all getting into the 20's.

Michael Pearce and Harry Mitchell added valuable scores at the end to give Weymouth a reasonable score of 187-6 to defend.

Bere Regis began solidly, but with all the visitors bowler producing good performance and taking wickets; Graham Puckett, Mitchell and Walton all bagging a brace; they bowled out the opposition 12 short of their total.

Browne said:"Bere Regis are a decent side, and some would have expected us to lose, but everyone stepped up and played their part. "It took us 11 or 12 games before we gained a victory last season, so this win will hopefully give the club a boost and encourage some others to make themselves available.

"The only disappointment was that the top five, having all played themselves in, all got out as we went to kick on, but on a low, slow, damp wicket I would have bitten their hand off if anyone had offered me 187 before the game."

County Division 2
CATTISTOCK (18) 167-8 BEAT MARNHULL (6)129 ALL OUT BY 38 RUNS

ALL ROUNDERS Jon Legg and Liam Toohill starred for Cattistock as they got off to a winning start on a slow outfield that kept the boundaries to a minimum.

Put in to bat Legg produced a solid 35 at the top of the order, but Edwin Ralph (3-35) saw off his early partners and it was Ben Golledge (32) that dug in to steady the innings with Legg, before Toohill (29) shared in a half century stand with his skipper. Some hefty late blows from Bradley Damen (24) and Bradley Mullins (19) saw the hosts post a score of 167-8.

In reply it was young debutant opening bowler Ollie Lee, who bowled superbly for his 1-21 off nine overs, who made the breakthrough with 24 on the board.

However, it was the introduction of Legg, 3-23 off nine overs, and Toohill with 5-25 from his eight, that decimated the visitors batting, reducing them from 43-1 to 60-8.

Ralph (21) and Stuart Cundy (37) swung the bat in an effort to pick up the score, but finally fell 38 runs short.

Both sides need to improve in the field having dropped a lot of catches, but Legg and Toohill's early form augers well for Cattistock.

WITCHAMPTON (17) 105-8 BEAT PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE (5) 104 AO BY 2 WICKETS

CAPTAIN Matt Randall was disappointed following defeat at Witchampton, a game he thought they might win.

Batting first they could only muster 104 all out with Randall top scoring with 25, a total their hosts passed with 17 overs to spare.

However there was a positive in the shape of young Matt Barrett who took 6-20 to ensure Witchampton's task was not easy.

Randell said:"We didn't bat anywhere near our best, but the one positive was Matt."

County Division 3
WIMBORNE & COLEHILL 3RD(20) 272-8 BEAT BEAMINSTER(7) 160 ALL OUT BY 112 RUNS

BEAMINSTER succumbed to a disappointing 112 run defeat to Wimborne and Colehill in their first game of the season.

After winning the toss the hosts gained control of the match with an excellent opening stand between Jones (41) and Wellington (84). They played fluently as the Beaminster bowlers toiled on a flat wicket with short boundaries.

Pete Bustin (3-44) was the pick of the bowlers, troubling all of the batsman with movement off of the pitch. Debutant Fergus Rees (2-21) then produced an excellent spell of bowling; his two victims both caught by another youth player Jordan Nottley.

However, Wimborne rallied and continued to plunder runs as they closed on a mammoth 272-9 off of their 45 overs. The other wickets were shared between Ross Baker (1-48), Ade Phillips (1-41), Rob Meech (1-21) and Justin Gurd (1-15).

The highlight of Beaminster's reply was a 79 run partnership between Chris Lamb (28) and Leo Gurd (30) after the early loss of Hugh Rathbone.

But leg spinner Steve Nye produced an inspired spell of bowling as he skittled the middle order recording impressive figures of 4-28. Daniel Spiller top scored with 39 but other than Phillips (21), the remaining batsmen struggled as the innings closed on 160 all out.

Manager Ross Baker was delighted with the three U15s players; Rees, Leo Gurd and Nottley.

BOURNEMOUTH 3RD (18) 152 ALL OUT BEAT DORCHESTER 2ND (5) 80 ALL OUT BY 72 RUNS
No details available

County Division 4
BLANDFORD 2ND(3) 94 ALL OUT LOST TO ABBOTSBURY (19) 98-5 BY 5 WICKETS

ABBOTSBURY got the season off to a winning start after Swans skipper Simon Pengelly winning the toss opted to bowl first with the experienced Grafton Straker and Krisnan Subramanian taking the new ball.

Blandford's David Baker (14) clipped the first ball of the innings for four but both openers subsequently found runs hard to come by against the metronomic medium pace of Straker (0-20) and wily leg spin of Subramanian.

Perhaps frustrated, Baker attempted to hit the latter bowler over the top but only succeeded in picking out Ashley Harrow who was making his debut for the Swans.

Immediately afterwards, Jamie Mitchell (5) fell in similar fashion with Subramanian was now causing all sorts of problems. He luredTony Couborough (8) out of his crease to be stumped by Steve Budd and grabbed three further wickets as Blandford subsided to 33-6, finishing with magnificent figures of 6-14 off his 8 overs.

Left armer Jay Lintern (3-21) soon found success as he clean bowled Jamie Snape (6) and followed up with a brilliant one handed return catch to see off Ryan White for a duck.

Tailender David Abbott launched two sixes over the pavilion on his way to an innings-high 27, whilst Ryan White also batted well for his 21 before being bowled by a quicker one from Chas Duerdoth (1-12); the home side finally being bowled out in the 29th over.

Chasing a small target of 95 to win, Abbotsbury openers Pengelly (7) and Stuart Gill (33) put on 21 before the incoming Steve Budd (17) continued in similar positive vein, hitting a straight six as the Swans closed in on victory.

However, they suffered a wobble as some complacent batting saw them slip from 66-1 to a jittery 82-5, with Gale and Mitchell both claiming a brace.

With Nick Kneebone (11 not out) and Aaron Oliver (4 not out) at the crease a more cautious approach was undertaken as the batsmen edged towards the victory target.

The Blandford fielders were guilty of reprieving both batsmen as chances from successive balls were dropped before Kneebone found the boundary to wrap up victory.

STURMINSTER & HINTON (6) 139-6 LOST TO CHARLTON DOWN (18) 140-6 BY 4 WICKETS

CHARLTON Down's opening game was a low scoring affair which brought a four wicket victory, due mainly to a two hour knock of 51 not out by Nick Voss and 4-25 from Matt Stevens.

Winning the toss, they put Sturminster into bat on an early season green wicket which offered assistance to the hard ball.

Opening teenage duo Matt and Dan Stevens produced a superb six over spell leaving Sturminster rocking on 9-4. Matt (4-25) bowled with good pace and control and younger brother Dan (1-12) only conceded 12 runs from his eight overs and was unlucky not to have had more success.

James Pretty continued the pressure, only conceding 14 off his eight overs.

Sturminster's strength in batting was proven when Chris Reed (19) and Adam Rose (63no) added 60 runs before Reed was deceived by spinner Kim Park (1-36) with the score on 68-5.

But another 50 run partnership was added with the help of Henry Lewis (24) before the returning Matt Stevens bowled him leaving Rose to set a testing 140 for victory.

Sturminster Newton's experienced bowling attack bowled tightly and soon had Charlton Down 19-2. Intelligent field positioning, accurate bowling and keen fielding made runs hard to come by.

Matt Stevens was brilliantly caught by the diving Griffiths Jones, whilst Dan Stevens having blocked a ball saw it jump back onto his stumps with the score on 71-4.

Still requiring 70 runs off the final 13 overs, the game was in the balance, but a match winning partnership of 57 between Nick Voss (51no) and Kim Park (22) saw Charlton Down to victory.

Parks' run-a-ball innings was important, but Voss' contribution to see it through to the end was crucial.

Having batted with great patience for two hour stay it was fitting that Voss, whose innings included a beautifully timed straight six, should clinch victory to bring up a very well deserved half century with just two overs remaining.

Captain Tommy Tucker said: "The victory was set up by a good blend of youth and experience but it was really good to see the teenage players producing some excellent match winning performances, especially Nick Voss and Matt and Dan Stevens, backed up by some senior players, James Pretty and Kim Park.

"The young lads have now been playing league cricket for over five years and they were able to draw on past experiences to see us over the line. If this game is anything to go by it is going to be a very competitive season".

County Division Six
PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE 2ND(20) BEAT STALBRIDGE 3RD(-20) SCRATCHED
No details available

Readers Mid-Wessex League
Division One
BROADWINDSOR (12) 10-2 v WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK(11) 127 ALL OUT ABANDONED RAIN

THIS game was heading for an intriguing finish when it was abandoned due to heavy drizzle.

Some tight bowling from Ross Baker (1-16 from 8 overs) held West & Middle Chinnock, one of the favourites for the title in check.

However at 85-2 they collapsed to 127 all out thanks mainly to Jack Walklett (4-18) and Mark Gough (3-26). Broadwindsor had reached 10-2 off six overs when play was abandoned.

Top batting performances: Dan Belt (Dorchester) 82; Ed Nichols (Martinstown) 69; Fraser Hill (Martinstown) 66; Nick Roe (Dorchester) 56; Nick Voss (Charlton Down) 51no.

Top bowling performances: Krisnan Subramanian (Abbotsbury) 6-14; Matt Barrett (Portland Red Triangle) 6-20; Liam Toohill (Cattistock) 5-25; Jack Walklett (Broadwindsor) 4-18; Matt Stevens (Charlton Down) 4-25; Matt Rimmer (Martinstown) 4-45.

Lyme Regis Bowls

Encouraging start

WITH one league game and four friendlies it's has been a busy week for the Club.

The ladies first league game at home to DORCHESTER saw Lyme gain a valuable eight points from 10 to get the season off to a flying start.

At one time during the afternoon the bowling green would have been more accurately described as a 'bowling white' such was it's appearance after a mixture of snow, sleet and hail.

There has been a good start to the friendly season too with three victories from four matches. We were well beaten at Axminster, where we always struggle on the artificial surface.

We then played host to our first touring side from ST. MARYBOURNE and managed to beat a strong team by a single point. With away wins at both Queen Camel and Merriott this has been a promising start for new captain Dave Wood.

Results; **Dorset Ladies Div 1 - Lyme Regis 61 Dorchester** 53. J Moffitt, J Bishop, L Broom, N Stephens 22-16; A Allman, D Courtenay-Smith, S Rowe, P Weech 25-15; H Dowling, C Pomeroy, A Rattenbury, C Barber 14-22.

Lyme Regis 86 Axminster 102
C Clissold, R Turpin, A Rattenbury, A Preece 31-10; M Knight, N Bond, J Parsons, D Meylan 14-28; S Bond, D Wood, D Courtenay-Smith, N Solomon 17-21; A Foster, P Knight, A Nabarro, E Skeemer 13-17; V Henson, T Payne, K Clissold, B Parsons 11-26.

Lyme Regis 114 Queen Camel 75
F Sell, A Nabarro, N Stephens, A Preece 11-29; A Foster, P Stephens, K Clissold, Chas Barber 23-13; B Smith, J Moffitt, D Wood, R Cridge 19-12; C Clissold, H Dowling, A Rattenbury, P Moffitt 31-8; E Skeemer, S Wood, B Parsons, Chris Barber 30-13.

Lyme Regis 92 St Marybourne Tour 91
M Heneghan, F Sell, N Solomon, P Weech 13-28; C Pomeroy, N Bond, T Payne, Chris Barber 15-17; V Henson, S Dowling, S Wood, S Pomeroy 18-15; J Bishop, J Moseley, N Benson, B Rattenbury 17-10; T Allman, D Courtenay-Smith, K Clissold, D Wood 17-9; A Foster, R Bishop, E Skeemer, A Allman 12-12.

Lyme Regis 78 Merriott 54
S Wood, C Elmore, J Moseley, R Legg 25-14; J Barnish,T Allman, A Nabarro, B Rattenbury 14-17; S Bond, D Wood, A Rattenbury, P Moffitt 16-12; B Smith, J Moffitt, B Parsons, A Allman 23-11.

Skittles

LYME REGIS

FIRSTLY a couple of corrections from last week: The final of the Ladies Doug Clark Cup scheduled for Monday, May 16th will be on a neutral alley - both captains will be advised this week once the chosen alley has been drawn.

Secondly there was a typo in the results section the entry should have read: Skippy's Six 336 Young Guns 333 (+BL).

Last week (w/e 30 April) saw the final of the **Ladies pairs** which ended in three-way play-off to decide the winners.

Well done to: Winners – Emma Blackmore & Terry Holmes, Runners Up were Joyce White & Lisa Taylor.

Division Two Cawston Cup Final; Winner – Alleytwits, Runners Up – Trappers.

Mens Div One	Pld	Pts	BL
No Hopers	16	30	18
Marksmen	16	24	8
Young Guns	16	16	20
Rousdon Rebels	16	16	14
Anthill Mob	16	14	22
Clueless	16	14	15
Wreckers	16	12	17
Skippy's Six	16	10	13
Tornadoes	16	8	17

BRIDPORT

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday 9th May

Portman Cup Semi-Final
Tuesday, May 10th
BRADPOLE CLUB; Nelson Nobblers v Originals (14).
ILCHESTER; L.H.S. v Aussies Lot (13).

Losers Cup C & D Final
Wednesday, May 11th
WEST DORSET CLUB; Yo Yo's v Stingers.

Cup Winners Cup Final
Friday, May 13th
TIGER; Originals (5) v Wanderers.

Presentation Night on Friday, May 20th at Freshwater with dancing to Dukes Disco, tickets are on sale at the Lord Nelson priced at £4.

Division A	Pd	Pts
Wanderers	18	31
Nelson Nobblers	20	28
Rejects	19	26
Denhay	20	20
Shipfaced	16	20
Lively Lads	20	18
Masters	17	16
Rockets	20	16
Rough Eight	20	16
Slingers	19	15
Originals	19	10
Outsiders	18	10

Division B	Pd	Pts
U know the Blokes	18	32
Broadoak	18	26
Dingbats	18	23
Miss the Ball	19	20
7" Clock	19	19
Castouts	18	16
Bangers	18	14
Countrymen	18	14
The Dingles	18	14
Gerryatrics	18	12
NBC	18	10

Division C	Pd	Pts
Aussies Lot	20	28
LHS	20	26
Survivors	19	24
Bulldogs	19	20
Groundhogs	18	20
Pioneers	19	18
Unknowns	18	18
Yo Yo's	20	18
Whisky Chasers	19	16
Strawpeedoes	19	14
Pinseekers	19	10

Division D	Pd	Pts
Brandy Snaps	20	34
AFAR	20	31
Stingers	20	31
Featherbeds	19	25
Alcoholics	20	24
Alleycats	20	24
Let em Roll	19	22
Offcuts	20	13
Hidden Talent	17	12
Pinbashers	20	8
Tiger Lilies	20	6
Bad Girls	19	4

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	20	35
BSC	19	30
Rubber Johns	20	29
Fleet Street Five	20	27
Hands of Time	20	23
Nomads	20	22
Nags Head A	20	14
It's in the Middle	20	14
Noth'n But Treble	19	9
Odds or Us	20	8
Young Darters	20	7

Ladies Division 1	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	26	46
Tender Trap	27	40
Arrows Awry	27	38
Clocking On	27	26
Sue's Rebels	27	25
Queen Bees	26	21
Against the Odds	27	15
Castaways	27	3

Ladies Division 2	Pld	Pts
Queenies OTC	29	47
Up and Downers	28	38
Next Door	29	32
Wildcats	29	28
Good Mates	29	25
Anchors Aweigh	28	24
Wrong Bed	28	23
Charlie's Angels	28	23
Tiger Stripes	28	16

180s: D1 - T.Prowse x9, D2 - S.Crabb, A.Coutts & P.Rowley all x3, D3 - R.Hayter & S.West both x2, D4 - A.Page x3, LD1 - S.James x2, LD2 - T.Wayland x1.

Bridport Bowls

Soggy start to league campain

BOTH the ladies and men encountered cold, wet and windy conditions when they opened their league campaigns last week which saw them all playing 15 end matches.

The Division One ladies team picked up six points despite only winning one rink, thanks to Francis Hewett, Margaret Strange, Alison Tibble & Margaret Clapp's 12–7 win which gave them an overall victory 43-33.

Laura Taylor, Gill Hunt, Barbara Iverson & Pat Cornick were unlucky to lose 13–14, whilst Pamela Daters, Mary Eastman, Marion Carter & Rosemary Brooks also lost 9–12.

Despite a heavy 27-51 overall defeat, Bridport B won two points in their Division Two game at **Ferndown** as Joan Griffiths, Joan Willcox, Chris Robbins & Thelma Pratt triumphed 12-11.

However, Pam Gray, Diane S Butcher, Pauline Newitt & Dinah Wilson found it very hard going losing 4-24, as did Liz Newman, Janet Bird, Marion Tocher & Janet Tattershall who went down 11-16.

The Men's SDL C team also started their campaign against **Wellworthy B**, but returned with just two points; Peter Carnell, Geoff Strange, John Ireland & Mike Smith winning 18-11.

John Block, Roger Herbert, Dave Smith & Steve Bartlett started well and were just one down at the 10th end but then only scored on two more to lose 12–23, whilst Sam Dunn, Brian Pratt, Neil Kennedy & Mel Griffiths lost 8–28.

On Sunday Bridport hosted **Severalls** in a friendly and won all four rinks for a 68-53 victory. Top rink was Ben Jones, Janet Bird, Sheila Jones & Bob Seadon 19–9.

Bridport & West Dorset Golf

WITH PETER CROWTER

Harper flies flag for Division Two

Men's Section

SUNDAY brought the May Medal for the men and 62 players started out on a cloudy morning with a chilly breeze.

Eight N/R cards were handed in and for some reason four of those were from the the 16 players in Division One.

The nett winning scores in all divisions were in the 60s, the best being a 68 from Patrick Harper in Division Two where Grant Gerrard was runner-up with a nett 69.

Kevin Jones won Division One with a nett 69 and Stuart Prince topped Division Three with the same score.

RESULTS:

Division One; 1st Kevin Jones 77-8=69. (lowest gross), 2nd Marc Harwood 83.12=71. 3rd (acb) Lewis Craddock 83-11=72.

Division Two; 1st Patrick Harper 83-15=68. 2nd Grant Gerrard 83-14=69. 3rd Bryn Dare 85-14=71.

Division Three; 1st Stuart Prince 90-21=69. 2nd Tony Burwood 93-23=70. 3rd Richard Parry 90-19=71.

Harper and Gerrard received a one shot handicap cut.

Veterans Section

THE veterans had a home match versus Lyme Regis on Thursday so the competition was a Self-Entry Single Division Stableford and there were 46 starters.

The morning was fine and dry with a cool breeze, good conditions for golf.

Despite this no one came in with an exceptional score but there were some good efforts a long way down the list and all very close.

There are five prizes in this competition and the man who headed the list was Mike McGrady with 38 points edging Dudley Rose into the runner-up spot by one point.

RESULTS:

Winner - McGrady(16) 38 points. 2nd Dudley Rose(28) 37. 3rd (acb) Peter Mowat(15) 36. 4th Mick Kelson(24) 36. 5th (acb) Bob Dennis(21) 35.

The home match against LYME REGIS resulted in a convincing 5½-½ win for Bridport.

Ladies' Section *by Di Neal*

SATURDAY saw members play for The Committee Cup in reasonable conditions.

Results; Division One - 1st Julie Oliver 87-14=73, 2nd Toshiko Ricketts 98-16=82, 3rd Liz Thompson 106-21=85.

Division Two - 1st Sue Winkle 107-25=82, 2nd Viv Gill 115-26=89.

Division Three - 1st Wendy Newton 111-34=77, 2nd Avril Brown 116-35=81.

Therefore the winner of The Committee Cup for 2016 is Julie Oliver and the runner up Wendy Newton.

Tuesday dawned bright and windy and ladies took to the course to play either The Loving Cup (for players with a handicap of 0-24) or The Janie Ralls Trophy (for handicaps of 25-36).

The winner of The Loving Cup was Sally Woolmington with 28 points, Julie Oliver was runner up with 26.

The winner of The Janie Ralls Trophy was Lynne Jessopp with 33 and Pat Baldwin on 29 was runner up.

Lyme Golf

Peter and Paul in prime form

THIS week saw the men's and Ladies section compete in the Andrew Black 4 ball better ball competition.

Playing on Sunday, off 6 and 10 respectively Peter Beviss & Paul Liston scored an excellent 44 points, while Alasdair Maclean & Martin Dixon came second with 42, and the in-form Andrew Dawe & Matt Brotherton were 3rd with 41.

On Thursday, in different conditions, the pairing of Di Smith & Ros Cox proved unbeatable.

After a brilliant front nine they notched up 41 points with ladies vice captain Gilly Madill & Val Waites a close second with 40 and Melissa McMahon & Jenny Scott 3rd on 38.

West Bay Sea Angling

Ewan wins family tussle to land Tolley trophy

THE annual Fred Tolley Memorial trophy match turned into a contest between the Chambers brothers with Ewan finally getting the better of his sibling Aaron.

In the first fixture of the Saturday Junior season on the East Pier at West Bay they were among ten who signed on to fish this opening match held in memory of the late Fred Tolley and although dry, all had to suffer a very cold northerly breeze.

There were flat calm conditions although the water was very coloured from the heavy rain the day before.

Seven competitors managed to weigh in with James Lawrence taking the lead with the first fish of the season, a shanny.

But this was short lived as Ewan Chambers followed almost instantly with a sizeable shore rockling and continued landing a string of rockling with all but one of a legal size.

The first flounder of the year came to Kai Kenway (who also had the only corkwing wrasse of the match which secured him third place), but Jamie Salvador Swords produced a slightly larger specimen to claim the heaviest flatfish prize.

The pattern of seeing the venomous weever fish appearing very early in the year seems to be continuing with Owen Swatridge the lucky captor.

Ewan Chambers continued leading the field with apparently only one real challenger, his brother Aaron Chambers, whose 258 g shore rockling turned out to be the biggest of the match.

Other species on the day came to Nathan McMaster who caught a tompot blenny and a sea scorpion. All fish were returned to the water.

Prize winners: 1st: Ewan Chambers 541g (486g sizeable), 2nd: Aaron Chambers 377g (258g sizeable), 3rd: Kai Kenway 143g, Heaviest flat: Jamie Salvador Swords 45g flounder, Heaviest round: Aaron Chambers shore rockling 258g, First fish of the season: James Lawrence, Last fish: Aaron Chambers, Smallest fish: James Lawrence/Ewan Chambers, Heaviest weever: Owen Swatridge, Wooden spoon: Ollie Butler, Sponsors: Watchouse Cafe, Kay Guppy, Richard 'Tiny' Daw, Kevin Butler and Donna Salvador Swords.

Junior matches continue throughout the year and beginners are very welcome to come and have a go. Guests can fish matches twice with entry fees just £1, and tackle can be provided.

For more details see the West Bay Sea Angling Club website or visit the Angling Centre, West Bay.

◆ **OPENING DAY WIN:** Ewan Chambers (right) receives the Fred Tolley Trophy from junior secretary Roger Guppy

Lyme Sailing

Winners by a nose!

BIG seas and grey skies met the 22-boat Lyme Regis Sailing Club dinghy fleet on Sunday for the Late Spring series.

Race officer Dan Alsop turned a 'Nelson's eye' to the starting in both of the day's races and was relieved not to receive any complaints!

A short, 40 minute windward-leeward first race saw close racing, the first six finishers within three minutes of each other on corrected time.

Allan & Chrissey Tyler came in just two seconds ahead of Jon Turner & Richard Parsloe who beat Chris & Russell Thorne by only one minute. Three youth members had a good scrap in their Laser Radials.

There were four retirements, leaving 13 starters for the second race of the Late Spring series, also the Coronation Cup, which took in the Charmouth sewer buoy.

The long leg home was a welcome beam reach for the cold sailors who were tough enough to complete the course.

Results;

Late Spring Series Race 1; 1st Allan & Chrissey Tyler (Fireball), 2nd Jon Turner & Richard Parsloe (Merlin), 3rd Chris & Russell Thorne (Fireball).

Race 2 and Coronation Cup; 1st Cameron & Darrol Moss (RS 800). 2nd Jon Turner & Richard Parsloe (Merlin). 3rd Dominic Bownes (Merlin). 4th Tim & Sarah Parsons (Scorpion).

Cribbage

Cups for Lyme Regis aces

THERE was success for Lyme Regis in the recently completed Winter Cribbage League.

The Ship Inn's Virginia Henson (pictured right with runner-up Janet Forsey of the Lamb Inn) was victorious in the Ladies Singles competition. While (below) the Nags Head team of (from left) Paddy Howe, Penny Hallett and Mike Sankey lifted the Losers Cup.

Dolphins recover to snatch title

◆ **VALIANT EFFORT:** The Bridport team that were so close to county victory (from left): Margaret Clapp, Francis Hewett and Annie Legg

BRIDPORT & West Dorset Indoor Bowls Club's trio of Francis Hewett, Margaret Clapp & Annie Legg had one hand on the County Triples Trophy before losing it at the death against a strong trio from the Dolphin (Poole).

Hewett, Clapp & Legg have graced many National Finals over the years and looked to have this one in the bag as they stormed into a 12-2 lead. However their opponents fought back to reduce the deficit to two with one end left and then took the match to an extra end shoot out when just drawing a second wood on the last end.

Try as they might the Bridport trio just couldn't win the extra end, having to make do with the runners-up trophy.

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INSIDE: Cricket reports from the opening day

Jem: "Disappointing end"

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DORCHESTER Town FC manager Mark Jermyn was disappointed at his side's decline in the last third of the season having got within touching distance of the Evo-Stik South Premier league play-offs.

The Magpies looked in a very strong position at the beginning of February having played some exhilarating football, but defeat at home to lowly Slough Town saw a change of fortunes, and they lost ten of their last sixteen league matches to finish 13th.

Jermyn said: "The first half of the season we did very well, but after this I felt it got away from us. As soon as the play-off gap was breached I don't think we were mentally able to get back on track.

"We lost some very poor games, but with an inexperienced side who hadn't played a lot of men's football before, I do however think we have had a relatively good season; it's just disappointing we fell away towards the end - I think we should have been at least 15 points better off.

"Towards the end people were disappointed with their own performances because it certainly wasn't up to the standards they set at the start of the season.

"From Nick, Stuart and my point of view it was very frustrating having watched them do so well to finish so poorly."

Looking towards next season the county town boss advised that they had spoken to most of the players, and that he had been looking at recruiting for next season.

"We will finalise all our discussions with all the squad in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime we have already spoken to a number of people who have shown interest in joining us.

"We obviously have to be careful working to the budget and get the balance right, ensuring that we don't spend it all too early so we have money later on for players that become available late on.

"We got that right last season, but need to be more ruthless in the future on people that aren't performing and move them on a bit quicker. It's not an easy decision, but it has to be the right one.

"We're happy with what we have done personally. We've gone into games much more organised, but we've been undone by the sucker punches at set pieces and corners.

"Unfortunately it has not been down to one person, or one thing, so next season we need players who can do the basic bread and butter job of keeping the ball out of the net."

◆ **EDGED OUT:** MARTINSTOWN Cricket Club pictured before the opening game 18-run against Dorchester at The Rec. Standing, from left: Tom Rimmer, Fraser Hill, Chris Read, James Pickering, Teddy Andrews. Front: Matt Rimmer, Ollie Gargrave, Ed Nichols (Capt), Sam Kershaw, Steve Bishop, Lee House. *Photo by STUART BROOM*

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